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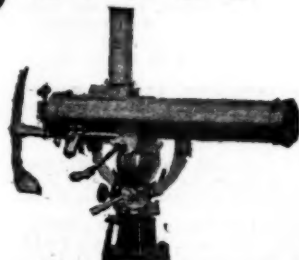
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## THE ARMY.

GROVER CLEVELAND, President, and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy.

DANIEL S. LAMONT, Secretary of War.

JOSEPH B. DOE, Assistant Secretary of War.

### ARMY NOMINATIONS.—DEC. 6.

The President to-day sent to the Senate the following appointments:

Assistant Secretary of War, Joseph B. Doe, of Wisconsin.

To date from November 6.

Colonel George D. Ruggles, Assistant Adjutant General, to be Adjutant General, with rank of brigadier-general.

Captain George B. Wilson, 12th Infantry, to be Major and Assistant Adjutant General.

Captain William P. Hall, 5th Cavalry, to be Major and Assistant Adjutant General.

Captain Charles E. Kilbourne, Signal Corps, to be Captain and Paymaster.

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry C. Wood, Assistant Adjutant General, to be Colonel and Assistant Adjutant General.

To date from November 11.

Major William J. Volkmar, Assistant Adjutant General, to be Lieutenant Colonel and Assistant Adjutant General.

To date from November 11.

2d Lieutenant George F. Landers, 4th Artillery, to be 1st Lieutenant.

To date from November 23.

Colonel Elwell S. Otis, 20th Infantry, to be brigadier-general.

Lieutenant-Colonel William H. Penrose, 16th Infantry, to be Colonel.

Major Edwin M. Coates, 19th Infantry, to be lieutenant-colonel.

Captain Clarence E. Bennett, 17th Infantry, to be Major.

1st Lieutenant Charles St. J. Chubb, 17th Infantry, to be Captain.

2d Lieutenant Arthur Johnson, 11th Infantry, to be 1st Lieutenant.

To date from December 1.

1st Lieutenant J. Estcourt Sawyer, 5th Artillery, to be Captain and Assistant Quartermaster.

To date from December 4.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles C. Byrne, Deputy Surgeon General, to be Colonel and Assistant Surgeon General.

Major Samuel M. Horton, Surgeon, to be Lieutenant Colonel and Deputy Surgeon General.

Captain Walter Reed, Assistant Surgeon, to be Major and Surgeon.

### CIR. 7, DEPT. OF THE PLATTE, NOV. 27, 1893.

[[Publishes instructions relative to the securing of a uniform and complete notification of discharge of enlisted men.

### G. O. 20, DEPT. OF THE PLATTE, NOV. 30, 1893.

In compliance with paragraph 1, Special Orders No. 206, current series, Headquarters of the Army, Lieutenant Colonel M. V. Sheridan, Assistant Adjutant General, U. S. Army, is relieved from further duty at these Headquarters.

In parting with Lieutenant Colonel Sheridan, the Commanding General of the Department desires to express his high appreciation of his services at these Headquarters during the past four years.

By command of Brig.-Gen. Brooke:

A. G. C. QUAY, 21 Lieut., 5th Cav., A. D. C.

### G. O. 18, DEPT. OF THE EAST, DEC. 4, 1893.

1. Colonel Charles Page, Assistant Surgeon General, having this day been retired from active service, under the requirements of Section 1, of the Act of Congress, approved June 30, 1882, is relieved from duty in this Department.

Colonel Page's record as Medical Director of the Department of the East has always given to the Department Commander special satisfaction. In discretion, good judgment, and example, he has excelled. The Department Commander much regrets the necessity that terminates the period of his active duty.

II. Colonel Joseph R. Smith, Assistant Surgeon General, U. S. Army, having reported at these Headquarters for duty, in compliance with paragraph 6, Special Orders No. 242, current series, Headquarters of the Army, A. G. O., is announced as Medical Director of the Department of the East.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Howard:

SAM'L BRECK, Asst.-Adjt.-Gen.

### G. O. 23, DEPT. OF THE COLUMBIA, NOV. 24, 1893.

Pursuant to instructions from the War Department, conveying the direction of the President, I assume command of the Department of the Columbia.

THOMAS H. RUGER, Brig.-Gen.

## CORPS AND STAFF DEPARTMENTS.

### Adjutant and Inspector Generals.

Major Theo. Schwan, A. A. G., is announced as A. A. G. of the Department with station at Omaha (G. O. 21, Dec. 8, D. Platte).

Lieut.-Col. M. V. Sheridan, A. A. G., is announced as A. A. G. of the Dept. of Dakota (G. O. 18, Dec. 1, D. Dak.).

### Judge Advocate General's Department.

Leave for one month, to take effect about Dec. 1, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted Capt. Harvey C. Carbaugh, acting judge advocate (S. O. 170, Nov. 27, D. Dakota).

### Quartermasters and Subsistence Departments.

Leave for six months, on surgeon's certificate, is granted Capt. Daniel H. Floyd, A. Q. M., to take effect from the date he left Columbus Bks., Ohio, under authority heretofore granted for his departure from that depot (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.).

S. O. 235, Oct. 12, 1893, H. Q. A., relating to Post Q. M. Sergt. Thomas F. Meagher and Henry McDonald, is revoked (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

Post Q. M. Sergt. Henry McDonald, now at Fort Meade, S. D., will proceed to Columbus Barracks, Ohio, for duty; Post Q. M. Sergt. Patrick Colgan, now at Camp Poplar, Mont. (recently abandoned), will proceed to Fort Meade, S. D., for duty (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

Leave for 15 days from Dec. 23, is granted Capt. Henry G. Sharpe, C. S. (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.).

### Pay Department.

Payments of troops on the muster of Nov. 30 are

made as follows: Major Charles I. Wilson, General Service clerks and messengers at Dept. Headquarters; Angel Island Alcatraz Island and San Diego Bks., Cal.; Major W. M. Maynadier, Presidio of San Francisco, Fort Mason, Benicia Arsenal and Benicia Bks., Cal. (S. O. 110, Nov. 28, D. California).

Major Frank M. Cox, paymr., will proceed from Portland, Ore., to Vancouver Bks., Wash., and return, on public business (S. O. 217, Nov. 28, D. Columbia).

The following assignment of paymasters is made in the Dept. of Columbia for the payments due Nov. 30: Major Frank M. Cox, at Vancouver Bks., Forts Canby and Townsend, Wash.; Major F. S. Dodge, at Fort Walla Walla, Wash., Boise Bks. and Fort Sherman, Idaho (S. O. 217, Nov. 28, D. Columbia).

Major Joseph W. Wham, paymr., will report in person to Col. Henry W. Closson, 4th Art., president of the Army retiring board at Washington Barracks, D. C., for examination by the board (S. O., Dec. 2, H. Q. A.).

The troops in the Dept. of Texas will be paid to include the muster of Nov. 30 as follows: At Fort Sam Houston, Tex., by Col. C. M. Terrell, A. P. G.; At Fort McIntosh, Camp Eagle Pass, Forts Clark, Hancock and Bliss (old and new post), Texas, by Major C. C. Sniffen, paymr. (S. O. 130, Dec. 2, D. Tex.).

The following assignment of paymasters is made for the Dept. of Missouri for the muster of Nov. 30: Lieut.-Col. Geo. W. Candee, chief paymr., at Jackson Park, Rock Island Arsenal and Fort Sheridan, Ill.; Forts Brady, Mackinac and Wayne, Mich.; Columbus Bks., Ohio; Newport Bks. and Fort Thomas, Ky.; and the Cavalry Recruiting Depot and St. Louis Powder Depot, Jefferson Bks., Mo.; Major Geo. R. Smith, paymr., the Military Prison at Fort Leavenworth and Forts Leavenworth and Riley, Kas. (S. O. 127, Nov. 28, D. Mo.).

The following orders are made for the payment of the troops in the Department of Platte for the muster of Nov. 30: Col. Thaddeus H. Stanton, A. P. G., will proceed to and pay the troops stationed at Ft. Niobrara and Robinson, Neb., and Meade, S. D.; Major Wm. H. Comegys will proceed to and pay the troops stationed at Forts Sidney, Neb., and D. A. Russell, Wyo.; Major Elijah W. Halford will proceed to and pay the troops stationed at Ft. Omaha, Neb., and General Service Detachment at Department Headquarters (S. O. 119, Dec. 1, D. Platte).

### Medical Department.

Capt. Walter D. McCaw, asst. surg., is detailed as a member of the examining board convened at the Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., vice Asst. Surg. C. E. B. Flagg, relieved (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

1st Lieut. Francis A. Winter, asst. surg., is relieved from further duty at Fort Wingate, N. M., and from temporary duty at Fort Bayard, N. M., and will proceed to new Fort Bliss, Tex., for duty (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

The C. O. Fort McHenry, Md., will grant Hospital Stwd. Wade H. Osburn a furlough, to terminate Feb. 18, 1894, on which date he will be given a discharge provided he makes timely application therefor (S. O. 269, Dec. 2, D. East.).

Pvt. George W. Seigler and John Carroll, Hospital Corps, Fort Bliss, (new post), will be sent to Ft. Hancock, Tex., for temporary duty at that post (S. O. 128, Nov. 27, D. Tex.).

1st Lieut. A. N. Stark, asst. surg., now at San Antonio, will proceed to Fort Clark, Tex., on public business (S. O. 128, Nov. 27, D. Tex.).

1st Lieut. Charles Wilcox, asst. surg., will be relieved from temporary duty at Angel Island, Cal., on the arrival of Major Benjamin F. Pope, surg., and will then report for temporary duty at Boise Bks., Idaho (S. O., Dec. 2, H. Q. A.).

Lieut.-Col. Dallas Roche, Dep. S. G., medical director, Dept. of the Platte, will proceed to Fort Sidney, Neb., Fort D. A. Russell and Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo. (S. O. 120, Dec. 2, D. Platte.).

The retirement from active service Dec. 4, by operation of law, of Col. Charles Page, is announced. Col. Page will repair to his home (S. O., Dec. 4, H. Q. A.).

1st Lieut. Benjamin L. Ten Eyck, asst. surg., is assigned to station at Fort McIntosh, Tex., for field duty in the Department of Texas (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.).

S. O. 203, Sept. 4, 1893, H. Q. A., granting 1st Lieut. Allen M. Smith, asst. surg., leave of absence for four months, to take effect on or about Oct. 25, is amended so as to grant the leave to take effect on or about Jan. 4, 1894 (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.).

Pvt. George C. Buchanan, Co. E, 12th Inf., now with his company at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., is transferred to the Hospital Corps as a private; Pvt. Franz A. Luwe, Hospital Corps, now at Ft. Columbus, N. Y., is transferred to Fort McHenry, Md. (S. O., Dec. 5, H. Q. A.).

### Engineer and Ordnance Departments.

Leave for one month and 15 days, to take effect on his arrival in New York City, is granted Major James C. Post, C. E. (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

Leave for two months, to take effect on or about Dec. 8, is granted 1st Lieut. Wm. L. Sibert, C. E. (S. O., Dec. 2, H. Q. A.).

Leave for five months, on account of sickness, is granted 1st Lieut. James J. Meyler, C. E. (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.).

Capt. David A. Lyle, O. D., will make not exceeding four visits during the month of December from Philadelphia, Pa., to the works of the Benjamin Atha and Illingworth Co., Newark, N. J., on official business (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

Capt. Daniel M. Taylor, O. D., will make four visits during the month of December from Springfield, Mass., to the works of the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co., at Hartford, Conn., on official business (S. O., Dec. 2, H. Q. A.).

Capt. Charles H. Clark, O. D., will proceed from Frankfort Arsenal, Pa., to Cramp's Ship Yard, Philadelphia, Pa., on official business (S. O., Dec. 2, H. Q. A.).

Major Frank H. Phipps, O. D., chief ordnance officer of the Dept. of Missouri, will proceed to Fort Sheridan, Ill., on public business (S. O. 127, Nov. 28, D. Mo.).

Leave for one month, to take effect about Dec. 6, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted 1st Lieut. Wm. E. Craigbill, C. E. (S. O. 54, Dec. 4, C. E.).

Leave for 21 days, to take effect Dec. 2, is granted Adjt. 2d Lieut. James F. McIndoe, C. E. (S. O. 55, Dec. 5, C. E.).

### Chaplains.

The leave granted Post Chaplain Joseph A. Potter is extended two months on surgeon's certificate (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.).

### Signal Corps.

Capt. Richard E. Thompson, Signal Corps, is announced as Chief Signal Officer of the Department of Texas (G. O. 17, Nov. 27, D. Tex.).

### THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

### 3rd Cavalry, Colonel Anson Mills.

Hdqs., A. B. C. E. H. K. Ft. Reno, O. T.; C. E. F. and G. Ft. Riley, Kas.; H. and I. Ft. Bill, O. T.; D. Ft. Supply, I. T.; L. Ft. Meade, S. D.—Indian troop.

2d Lieut. Andrew E. Williams is detailed for duty as special department recruiting officer for Troop L, 3d Cav., at Fort Meade, S. D., during the temporary absence of 1st Lieut. Joseph C. Byron, 2d Cav. (S. O. 173, Dec. 1, D. Dak.).

Lieut.-Col. Purington, at present commanding the 3d Cavalry, in a regimental order dated Nov. 25, announces the retirement of 1st Sergt. Jos. Robinson, expresses his appreciation of the long and faithful service of the sergeant, congratulates him upon a military record, of which any member of the regiment might well be proud, recounts his service dating from July, 1863, and says: "He was recommended for a 'certificate of merit' for gallantry in action with hostile Indians, and he participated in the following engagements: Tongue River, Mont., June 9, 1876; Rosebud, Wyo., June 17, 1876; Slim Butte, Dak., Sept. 9, 1876; Capture of Dull Knife's band of Cheyenne Indians, Nebraska, Oct. 23, 1878; Cheyenne Indians, Crow Ridge, Nebraska, Jan. 21, 1879, and received a medal of honor from the Congress of the United States for his conduct in the Rosebud engagement. Wounds received in battle (his badges of honor) now compel Sergt. Robinson to seek that rest in retirement that he so justly and richly deserves, and the regiment, both officers and men, wish for him all possible enjoyment in the years to come."

### 4th Cavalry, Colonel Chas. E. Compton.

Hdqs., A. D. and H. Ft. Walla Walla, Wash.; C. Ft. Bidwell, Cal.; G. Ft. Sherman, Idaho; E. Vancouver Bks., Wash.; F. Boise Bks., Idaho; B. I. and K. Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

Leave for one month is granted 2d Lieut. Edward B. Cassatt, to take effect as soon after Dec. 15 as his services can be spared by his post commander (S. O. 216, Nov. 23, D. Columbia.).

The verbal instructions of the Department Commander, given on Nov. 8, directing 2d Lieut. Clough Overton to proceed from Vancouver Bks., Wash., to the Clearwater country, Idaho, via Fort Walla Walla, Wash., on public business, and his appointment as A. A. Q. M. and A. C. S., are confirmed (S. O. 216, Nov. 23, D. Columbia.).

### 5th Cavalry, Colonel David S. Gordon.

Hdqs., A. E. G. H. K. and L. Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C. Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; D. and I. Fort Yellowstone, Wyo.; E. Ft. Washita, Wyo.; F. Fort Leavenworth, Kas.—Indian troop.

The following transfers are ordered: 1st Lieut. Charles B. Gatewood, from Troop H to M, and Thos. Cruse from Troop M to A (S. O., Dec. 5, H. Q. A.).

### 7th Cavalry, Colonel James W. Forsyth.

Hdqs., A. E. H. and I. Ft. Riley, Kas.; B. and K. Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; C. Ft. Hancock, Tex.; D. Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; E. Fort Myer, Va.; G. Ft. Clark, Tex.; L., Ft. Bill, Okla. T.—Indian troop.

Leave for one month, from and including Dec. 2, is granted 2d Lieut. Charles W. Fenton (S. O., Dec. 2, H. Q. A.).

### 8th Cavalry, Colonel Caleb H. Carlton.

Hdqs., A. B. C. E. I. and K. Ft. Meade, S. D.; D. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; L., Ft. Keogh, Mont.; F. and G. Ft. Yates, N. D.; H. Ft. Myer, Va.—Indian troop.

Leave for one month, on surgeon's certificate, is granted Capt. Quincy O'M. Gilmore, Fort Meade, S. D. S. O. 172, Nov. 29, D. Dak.).

### 9th Cavalry, Colonel James Biddle.

Hdqs., A. D. E. F. G. and I. Ft. Robinson, Neb.; B. and H. Fort Du Chene, Utah; C. Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; K. Fort Myer, Va.

1st Lieut. Alfred B. Jackson, now on leave in Washington, will report to the Superintendent of the Recruiting Service, N. Y. City, to conduct recruits to the West, and then join his troop (S. O., Dec. 4, H. Q. A.).

The appointment as sergeant and the warrant of Sergt. Robert Burley, Troop I, are made continuous from date of original appointment—Nov. 28, 1888 (Orders 49, Nov. 28, Fort Robinson, Neb.).

### 10th Cavalry, Colonel John K. Misker.

Hdqs., B. E. G. and K. Ft. Custer, Mont.; C. and F. Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; I. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; D. and H. Ft. Buford, N. D.; A. Ft. Keogh, Mont.

2d Lieut. Lawrence J. Fleming is detailed as recruiting officer at Fort Buford, N. D., vice 1st Lieut. Amos B. Shattuck, 25th Inf., relieved (S. O. 170, Nov. 27, D. Dak.).

Leave for one month, to take effect Dec. 1, is granted 1st Lieut. Wm. E. Shipp (S. O. 172, Nov. 29, D. Dak.).

### 2nd Artillery, Colonel Richard Ledor.

Hdqs., C. G. and M. Ft. Adams, R. I.; K. Ft. Trumbull, Conn.; E. Ft. Preble, Me.; B. and D. Ft. Warren, Mass.; A. and F. Ft. Riley, Kas.; I. Ft. Monroe, Va.; H. and L. Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.—Light battery.

1st Lieut. Wm. A. Simpson is detailed counsel for Pvt. Frank Gero, Bat. B, before the G. C. M. at Fort Warren (S. O. 269, Dec. 2, D. East.).

The leave granted Capt. George Mitchell is extended one month (S. O., Dec. 5, H. Q. A.).

### 3rd Artillery, Colonel La Reth L. Livingston.

Hdqs., D. E. I. K. and L. Ft. McPherson, Ga.; C. Washington Bks., D. C.; A. and G. Ft. Barrancas, Fla.; H. Key West Bks., Fla.; B. and M. Ft. Monroe, Va.; F. Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.—Light battery.

### 4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Closson.

Hdqs., A. G. I. and M., Washington Bks., D. C.; B. Ft. Adams, R. I.; C. B. and L., Ft. McHenry, Md.; F. Ft. Riley, Kas.; K. H. and K. Ft. Monroe, Va.—Light battery.

In regimental orders 70, of Nov. 28, Col. H. W. Closson announces the death at Hingham, Mass., Nov. 15, of 1st Lieut. Charles L. Cortwell, 4th Art.



Addl. 2d Lieut. Otho W. B. Farr, 21 Art., is assigned to a vacancy of 2d Lieut. in the 4th Art., Light Bat. F, Nov. 14, 1893, to rank from June 12, 1893, vice Landers, promoted (S. O., Nov. 20, H. Q. A.)

1st Lieut. George F. Landers (recently promoted from 2d Lieut., 4th Art.) is assigned to the 4th Art., Bat. I, to date from Nov. 14, 1893, vice Cortwell, deceased. He will remain on duty with Light Bat. F, 4th Art., until the completion of his tour therewith (S. O., Nov. 29, H. Q. A.)

Leave for ten days, to take effect upon being relieved from duty pertaining to the World's Columbian Exposition, is granted 1st Lieut. James L. Wilson (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.)

**5th Artillery, Colonel William M. Graham**  
Hdgrs., B. D., F. H. K. and L. Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; Ft. Mason, Cal.; A. and C. Ft. Canby Wash.; E and I, Alcatraz Island, Cal.; G, Ft. Monroe, Va.; Light battery

S. O. 271, Nov. 23, H. Q. A., is amended so as to relieve 1st Lieut. Wm. F. Hancock from further duty pertaining to the War Department exhibit, World's Columbian Exposition, to take effect Jan. 1, 1894, instead of Dec. 1, 1893 (S. O., Dec. 2, H. Q. A.)

**1st Infantry, Colonel William E. Shafter**  
Hdgrs., B. C. D. F. and H, Angel Island, Cal.; A, E, and G, Benicia Bks., Cal.

Capt. Marion P. Maus, A. D. C., will proceed to Fort Sheridan, Ill., on public business (S. O. 127, Nov. 28, D. Mo.)

**2nd Infantry, Colonel John C. Bates.**  
Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, Ft. Omaha, Neb.—Indian company.

Pvt. Charging Eagle, Co. I, for an offence against decency in the barracks at Fort Omaha, has been tried and dishonorably discharged. He had a record of seven previous trials and convictions. Evidently a bad Indian.

**4th Infantry, Colonel Robert H. Hall.**

Hdgrs., A, B, D, E, F, and H, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; G and I, Ft. Spokane, Wash.; C, Boise Barracks, Idaho.

2d Lieut. Herman Hall is relieved from duty as A. D. C. to the Brigadier-General Commanding (S. O. 216, Nov. 23, D. Columbia.)

The following transfers are ordered: Capt. Geo. O. Webster, from Co. I to H, and Chas. W. Mason, from Co. H to I (S. O., Dec. 5, H. Q. A.)

**5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborne.**  
Hdgrs., C and D, St. Francis Bks., Fla.; E and H, Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala.; A, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; B and G, Jackson Bks., La.; F, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

**6th Infantry, Colonel Melville A. Cochran.**  
Hdgrs., B, C, D, E, F, G and H, Ft. Thomas, Ky.; E, Newport Barracks, Ky.; A, Ft. Wood, N. Y.; H.

2d Lieut. Charles DeL. Hine is relieved from duty at Newport Bks., and will proceed to Fort Thomas, Ky., and report for temporary duty (S. O. 271, Dec. 5, D. East.)

**7th Infantry, Colonel Henry C. Merriam.**

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E and F, Ft. Logan, Colo.; G, Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Leave for 15 days, to take effect on or about Dec. 20, is granted Capt. Wm. Quinton, Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo. (S. O. 118, Nov. 27, D. Platte.)

**8th Infantry, Colonel James J. Van Horn.**

Hdgrs., A, E, and H, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; C and D, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; F and I, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; B and G, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.—Indian company.

The following transfers are ordered: 2d Lieuts. Frank Owen, from Co. E to D, and Jacques de L. Lafitte, from Co. D to E (S. O., Dec. 5, H. Q. A.)

**10th Infantry, Colonel Edward P. Pearson.**

Hdgrs., B and D, Ft. Marcy, N. M.; A and F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; C, San Diego Bks., Cal.; E and G, Ft. Stanton, N. M.; H, Ft. Wingate, N. M.

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Charles J. T. Clarke, and extended five days by S. O. 124, is further extended six days (S. O. 128, Nov. 23, D. Mo.)

Capt. Charles L. Davis is detailed as professor of military science and tactics at Bingham School, Asheville, N. C. (S. O., Nov. 29, H. Q. A.)

**11th Infantry, Colonel Isaac D. DeRussy.**

Hdgrs., B, C, E and G, Whipple Barracks, A. T.; A, and D, San Carlos, A. T.; F, H and I, Fort Apache, A. T.

The following transfers are ordered: 1st Lieuts. Richard M. Blatchford, from Co. B to F, and Zebulon B. Vance, Jr., from Co. F to B (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.)

Leave for two months, to take effect on being relieved from duty at the U. S. Military Prison, about Jan. 1, 1894, is granted 1st Lieut. Richard M. Blatchford (S. O., Dec. 2, H. Q. A.)

**12th Infantry, Colonel Edw. in F. Townsend.**

Hdgrs., E and G, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; A, F and H, Ft. Yates, N. D.; B, C and D, Ft. Sully, S. D.; I, Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala.—Indian company.

Leave for one month is granted 1st Lieut. Charles H. Barth, adjt. (S. O. 127, Nov. 28, D. Mo.)

Capt. W. W. Wetherpoon will proceed to Whit-tier, N. C., on official business (S. O. 269, Dec. 2, D. East.)

1st Lieut. Millard F. Waltz, now on leave, will conduct recruits to the Dept. of Dakota, and then join his company (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.)

**13th Infantry, Colonel Montgomery Bryant.**

Hdgrs., C and G, Ft. Sill, Okla. T.; A and D, Fort Reno, O. T.; E and H, Ft. Supply, I. T.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Leave for 20 days is granted 1st Lieut. Charles S. Hall, R. Q. M. (S. O. 126, Nov. 25, D. Mo.)

**14th Infantry, Colonel Thomas M. Anderson.**

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, and G, Vancouver Bks., Wash.; F, Ft. Townsend, Wash.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of three months, is granted 2d Lieut. C. H. Martin, to take effect upon completion of his examination for promotion (S. O. 216, Nov. 23, D. Columbia.)

**15th Infantry, Colonel Robert E. A. Crofton.**

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.  
Pvt. Joseph Holsinger, Hospital Corps, now at Fort Sheridan, Ill., is transferred to Co. E, 15th Inf., stationed at that post (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.)

**16th Infantry, Colonel Matthew M. Blunt.**

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, Ft. Douglas, Utah—Indian company.

Capt. Leven C. Allen, Fort Douglas, Utah, is detailed to witness the issue of annuity goods to the Indians at Fort Hall Agency, Idaho, whither he

will proceed at such times as may be necessary (S. O. 48, Nov. 22, D. Colorado.)

**17th Infantry, Colonel John S. Poland.**

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo.  
Leave for three months is granted Col. John S. Poland (S. O., Dec. 4, H. Q. A.)

**18th Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Laselle.**

Hdgrs., A, C, D and H, Fort Bliss, Tex.; B and G, Fort Clark, Tex.; E, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; F, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.

**19th Infantry, Colonel Simon Snyder.**

Hdgrs., A, E, G, and H, Ft. Wayne, Mich.; B and F, Ft. Brady, Mich.; C, Ft. Mackinac, Mich.

2d Lieut. Wm. O. Johnson is relieved from duty as department recruiting officer at Fort Brady, Mich., and will transfer all property and papers pertaining to the recruiting service at that post to 2d Lieut. Henry C. Leonard, who is appointed in his stead (S. O. 126, Nov. 25, D. Mo.)

**20th Infantry, Colonel William H. Penrose.**

Hdgrs., A, B, D, E, F, G, H, and I, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; C, Fort Buford, N. D.—Indian company.

Leave for seven days is granted 1st Lieut. Edwin H. Webber (S. O. 170, Nov. 27, D. Dak.)

**22nd Infantry, Colonel Peter T. Swaine.**

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, F, G, and H, Ft. Keogh, Mont.; E, Ft. Pembina, N. D.

**24th Infantry, Colonel Zenas R. Bliss.**

Hdgrs., D, E, F and G, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; A, B, C and H, Ft. Huachuca, A. T.

**25th Infantry, Colonel Andrew S. Burt.**

Hdgrs., F, G, and H, Ft. Missoula, Mont.; A and D, Ft. Carter, Mont.; B, C, and E, Ft. Buford, N. D.

Leave for one month, to take effect between Dec. 25 and Jan. 10, with permission to apply to the proper authority for an extension of one month, is granted 1st Lieut. Edwin F. Glenn, R. Q. M., Fort Missoula, Mont. (S. O. 173, Dec. 1, D. Dak.)

Appointments, etc., recorded in the A.-G. O., Nov. 27 to Dec. 2, 1893.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

Col. Ethell S. Otis, 20th Inf., to be Brig.-Gen., Nov. 28, 1893, vice Carlton, retired from active service.  
1st Lieut. J. Estcourt Sawyer, R. Q. M., 5th Art., to be A. Q. M. with the rank of capt., Dec. 1, 1893, vice Wheeler, promoted.

#### PROMOTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS.

##### Artillery Arm.

2d Lieut. George F. Landers, 4th Art., to be 1st Lieut., Nov. 14, 1893, vice Cortwell, 4th Art., deceased—to the 4th Art.  
Addl. 2d Lieut. Otho W. B. Farr, 2d Art., to the vacancy of 2d Lieut., 4th Art., Nov. 14, 1893, with rank from June 12, 1893, vice Landers, promoted—to the 4th Art.

##### Infantry Arm.

Lieut.-Col. Wm. H. Penrose, 18th Inf., to be col., Nov. 28, 1893, vice Otis, 20th Inf., appointed brig. gen.—to the 20th Inf.

Major Edwin M. Coates, 19th Inf., to be lieut.-col., Nov. 28, 1893, vice Penrose, 18th Inf., promoted—to the 18th Inf.

Capt. Clarence E. Bennett, 15th Inf., to be major, Nov. 28, 1893, vice Coates, 19th Inf., promoted—to the 15th Inf.

1st Lieut. Charles St. J. Chubb, 17th Inf., to be capt., Nov. 28, 1893, vice Bennett, 15th Inf., promoted—to the 17th Inf.

2d Lieut. Arthur Johnson, 11th Inf., to be 1st Lieut., Nov. 28, 1893, vice Chubb, 17th Inf., promoted—to the 11th Inf.

##### TRANSFERS.

2d Lieut. Gordon G. Heiner, from the 21 to the 4th Art., Nov. 29, 1893, vice Farr, transferred to the 2d Art.

2d Lieut. Otho W. B. Farr, from the 4th to the 2d Art., Nov. 29, 1893, vice Heiner, transferred to the 4th Art.

##### COMMISSION VACATED BY NEW APPOINTMENT.

By Brig.-Gen. Ethell S. Otis, his commission as col., 20th Inf., Nov. 28, 1893.

##### RETIREMENTS.

By operation of law, section 1, act of June 30, 1892.

Brig.-Gen. Wm. P. Carlton, Nov. 24, 1893.

##### CASUALTIES.

Col. Thomas L. Crittenden (retired), died Oct. 23, 1893, at Annapolis, States Island.

1st Lieut. Charles L. Cortwell, 4th Art., died Nov. 14, 1893, at Bingham, Mass.

Captain John Woart (retired), died Nov. 24, 1893, at San Francisco, Cal.

Major Charles J. Dickey (retired), died Nov. 20, 1893, at Beaver, Pa.

##### Courts-martial.

The following courts have been ordered:

At Fort Huachuca, A. T., Nov. 29. Detail: Capt. Frederick M. Grandall and J. Milton Thompson, 24th Inf.; Rudolph C. Esort, ass't. surg., and Daniel C. Pearson, 2d Cav.; 1st Lieut. Wm. H. Bean, 2d Cav.; 2d Lieut. Jos. D. Leitch, Samuel V. Ham and George H. McMaster, 24th Inf., and Matthew C. Smith, 2d Cav., and 1st Lieut. Jos. B. Batechelor, Jr., 24th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 48, Nov. 23, D. Colorado.)

At Fort Stanton, N. M., Nov. 29. Detail: Maj. J. Augustus H. Bainbridge, Capt. Clayton S. Burband and Stephen Y. Seymour, 10th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Frank H. Keefe, ass't. surg., and Robert L. Ballard, 10th Inf., and 2d Lieut. John F. Stephens, 10th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 48, Nov. 23, D. Colorado.)

At Fort Ringgold, Tex., Dec. 4. Detail: Major A. S. B. Keyes, 3d Cav.; Capt. W. C. Forbush, 5th Cav.; W. B. Wheeler, 18th Inf., and E. P. Andrus, 5th Cav.; 1st Lieut. S. E. Adair, 5th Cav., and C. C. McCulloch, Jr., ass't. surg., and 2d Lieut. S. P. Vestal, 5th Cav., J. A. (S. O. 128, Nov. 27, D. Tex.)

At Fort Bliss, Tex., Dec. 4. Detail: Capt. W. H. McLaughlin, B. F. Bates and G. B. Huston, 1st Lieut. J. H. Duval, 2d Lieut. F. D. Evans, W. F. Grote and J. H. G. Lazelle, 18th Inf., and 1st Lieut. F. M. B. Ball, 18th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 129, Nov. 28, D. Tex.)

At San Diego Bks., Cal., Dec. 4. Detail: Lieut.-Col. Elw. Monie, 2d Inf.; Maj. Samuel M. Horton, surg., and John A. Darling, 5th Art.; Capt. Wm. N. Tisdall, 1st Inf.; 1st Lieut. Charles G. Starr, 1st Inf., and John H. Scholesberger, 10th Inf.; 2d Lieut. Douglas Settle, 10th Inf., and 2d Lieut. John D. Miley, 5th Art., J. A. (S. O. 110, Nov. 28, D. California.)

At West Point, N. Y., Dec. 5. Detail: Lieut. Alex. Alexander B. Dyer, 4th Art.; John P. Wisser, 1st Art.; Daniel H. Boughton, 3d Cav.; John C. W. Brooks, 4th Art.; Samuel D. Freeman, 10th Cav.; George H. Cameron, 4th Art.; Coraelis De W. Wilcox and Arthur F. Curtis, 2d Art.; Willard A. Holbrook, 7th Cav.; Wm. S. Biddle, Jr., 14th Inf.; Frederick P. Reynolds, ass't. surg.; Arthur Taylor, 3d Cav. and Harry Freeland, 3d Inf., and 1st Lieut. Peter E. Traub, 1st Cav., J. A. (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.)

At Fort Robinson, Neb., Dec. 5. Detail: Capt. Augustus W. Corlies, 8th Inf.; Clarence A. Stedman, Jos. Garrard, John F. Guilfoyle and Walter L. Finley, 9th Cav.; 1st Lieut. Montgomery D. Parker, 9th Cav.; Edgar H. Abbott, 8th Inf.; John H. Gardner and Robert B. Watkins, 9th Cav.; 2d Lieut. Jacques de L. Lafitte and David P. Corcoran, 8th Inf., and Howard H. Hickox and Edward E. Hartwick, 9th Cav., and 2d Lieut. John H. Alexander, 9th Cav., J. A. (S. O. 112, Dec. 1, D. Platte.)

At Fort Sidney, Neb., Dec. 4. Detail: Capt. Wm. H. Boyle and Ebenezer W. Stone, 21st Inf.; George McCreey, ass't. surg., and Francis B. Bitonhead, 21st Inf.; 1st Lieut.

Charles H. Bonesteel and Lawrence J. Hearn and 2d Lieut. Samuel Seay, Jr., 21st Inf., and 1st Lieut. Almon L. Parmerter, 21st Inf., J. A. (S. O. 110, Dec. 1, D. Platte.)

At Fort Niagara, N. Y., Dec. 7. Detail: Capt. Frederick H. E. Rosten and Joseph W. Durcan, 21st Inf., and James H. Filmer, ass't. surg.; 1st Lieut. Harry L. Bailey and Solomon E. Searrow, adjt., 2d Lieut. James W. McAdams, Wm. M. Morrow and John J. O'Donnell, 8th Inf., and Capt. Chas. A. Williams, 21st Inf., J. A. (S. O. 260, Dec. 2, D. East.)

At Jackson Bks., La., Dec. 14. Detail: Major Joseph G. Ramsay, 3d Art.; Capt. Frank W. Hess, 3d Art.; Junius L. Powell, ass't. surg., and Henry Romeyo, 5th Inf.; 1st Lieut. John C. F. Tilson and Wm. F. Martin, 5th Inf., and Capt. Mason Carter, 5th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 271, Dec. 5, D. East.)

#### Examinations for Promotion.

The following officers will report to the Board of Officers appointed to meet at the Army Building, New York City, on Monday, Dec. 11, for examination with view to selection for transfer to the Ordnance Department: 2d Lieut. James Hamilton, 3d Art., and Wm. O. Johnson, 19th Inf. (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.)

#### Artillery Transfers.

The following transfers in the artillery arm are ordered, to take effect Nov. 29: 2d Lieut. Gordon G. Heiner, from the 2d to the 4th Art.—Lieut. Bat. F, and Otho W. B. Farr, from the 4th to the 2d Art.—Bat. M (S. O., Nov. 29, H. Q. A.)

#### Retirements of Enlisted Men.

The following enlisted men, now at the stations designated after their respective names, are, upon their own application, placed upon the retired list, and will repair to their homes: Sergt. Michael A. Forrest, Ord. D. C., Watertown Arsenal, Mass.; Ord. Sergt. Jacob B. Fugitt, Fort Reno, O. T.; Pvt. John A. Lindenthal, Co. E, 5th Inf., Mount Vernon Bks., Ala. (S. O., Dec. 4, H. Q. A.)

The Artillery School.—Instruction in the Departments of Electricity and Mines and of Chemistry and Explosives commenced Dec. 4. The class is divided into two sections, the first consisting of Lieuts. Hamilton, Newcomb, Ridgway, Monober, Schumm, Zalinski, Kooly, Campbell and Ketcham, and the second of Lieuts. Gilgus, Barrell, Hains, Lasater, Irwin, Ruggles, Montgomery, Hearn and Lamoureux. The course of steam and mechanism terminated Nov. 29.

#### ORDNANCE NOTES.

"Plastomente," a new kind of smokeless powder invented by a German, Herr W. Guttlir, is to be extensively tested in the German Army.

The Ordnance Bureau of the Navy will soon be ready to try the first of the 13 inch rifles. Five guns are completed, but there has been delay in getting a mount ready, and until this is done the test cannot take place. Naval officers are looking forward to the test with great interest, as it will be the first of the large guns for the Navy fired with full charge and projectile.

At the opening of bids Dec. 5, at the War Department, for furnishing 10,000 pounds of smokeless powder to be used by the Army the bidders and the bids were: The Pneumatic torpedo and construction Co., of New York, for a powder containing 60 per cent. of nitro-glycerine, 70 cents per pound, no nitro-glycerine, 80 cents per pound; Herman Walbrook, of Newark, N. J., \$2.20 per pound, and for 10,000 pounds additional, \$2 per pound; Bernard Peyton, Santa Cruz, Cal., \$1.25 per pound; Leonard Smokeless Powder Co., of New York, 75 cents per pound, in lots (the price to be graded by initial velocity), 50 cents per pound for a velocity of 1,900 feet, to be increased one cent per pound for each additional ten feet of velocity per second.

The Ordnance Bureau of the Navy has recently had some most highly satisfactory tests with several new barrels which are to be adopted as the small arm for the Navy and Marine Corps. The barrels are of the new calibre, and were made by two different firms. Two of them are made of steel with a small per centage of nickel, which will be tried as an experiment. The tests which have been made at the rifle range near Washington were even more successful than the Ordnance officers expected, a pressure of 45,000 pounds having been obtained with a penetration of 32 inches of wood. This penetration was sufficient to have gone through nearly as many men. The mechanism for the new small arm is still in abeyance, the breech on the barrels tested having been taken from the arm now in use. The Ordnance Bureau is now drawing up a circular which it will soon issue to American inventors, calling upon them to submit their inventions of breech mechanism. The competition is limited to American inventors and the Department will endeavor to find a style of mechanism among them which promises valuable results.

#### DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Dept. Missouri.—Maj.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles.

MAJOR-GENERAL MILES, lately returned to Chicago from a tour of inspection, reports great suffering and loss of life among the Cheyenne Indians in Indian Territory, being in need of food, shelter, fuel, and clothing. Their rations have been reduced to one pound two ounces per day for each ward, and this, General Miles says, is utterly inadequate, especially in cold weather. He has reported to Washington the abject condition of these Indians.

Dept. of Colorado.—Gen. McCook.

General McCook has received a despatch from Lieut. Brown, commanding two troops of cavalry on the border, saying he could learn of no battle in Mexico, and he does not think much dependence can be placed upon stories of serious conflicts with the Mexican military.

(From the Chicago Record.)

#### A TOUCHDOWN.

"This," said Swipesy, the footpad, as he rifled his prize victor's pockets, "this is what I call a touchdown." Some of the unfortunate betters at recent football games think that the rifling of the pockets adds still further to the verisimilitude.



## THE AOCLES GUN.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

I noticed in your issue of Nov. 25 a letter from Dr. Gatling in which he refers to my improvements on the Gatling gun as follows: "I wish to say this so-called Aocles gun is nothing more or less than an old model Gatling gun, with changes in its feed and mounting which changes add nothing to its efficiency."

I wish to state that I have never made any claims to the Gatling system of machine gun, and have always stated that my inventions when applied to this system were improvements on the Gatling gun, the same as I should do when applying them to the Gardner or any other system of machine gun. I think it comes with very bad grace from Dr. Gatling to attempt to disparage my inventions on the Gatling gun and to state that the new feed adds nothing to its efficiency. It is well known that the original Gatling patents have expired and that for several years the patents which I took out for the benefit of the Gatling Company (for which I have never received any remuneration) have kept the gun alive, and it is conceded that the success of the present Gatling gun is due to my "Positive Drum Feed," which has been fitted to all the Gatling guns supplied to the United States Government for the past eight years.

Up to the present time this has been the most efficient feed ever applied to a machine gun, but owing to its bulk, which limits the number of feeds to ten for each gun, and also the necessity of recharging these drums on the field, I have invented a new positive feed which overcomes these defects, as the ammunition is packed at the cartridge factory in dust and waterproof boxes; these boxes are taken from the packing cases and fed direct to the gun without any change or readjustment of the cartridges. This feed is absolutely positive in all its movements and enables the gun to be fired at the rate of from 25 to 40 shots per second, or at the rate of from 1,500 to 2,400 per minute, according to the number of barrels.

My gun is fitted with a trigger arrangement, which gives to the man who points the gun absolute control of the firing, and enables him to fire one shot or a volley at will; and this he can do without interrupting the turning of the crank. This is a very valuable and essential feature for a machine gun, as it prevents the waste of ammunition which would be fired away in the old system by the man turning the crank when the gun was off the target. By means of the trigger and the universal pivot, the gunner is enabled to pick up moving objects with ease and rapidity, and fire only when on the object aimed at, as well as to make instant changes from point to point.

Should it be desired for naval use, a motor could be applied to this gun as well as to the Gatling; in fact I exhibited a gun with a motor attached to it at the Naval Exhibition in London. This motor was secured to the mount and not to the gun, so that it did not add to the weight or interfere with the working of the gun in any way. (I think that the idea of placing a motor on the gun was first suggested at the Navy Department.) As to the rapidity of fire the quickest time that has ever been made was made with one of my rotary drum feeds fitted to a ten barrel Gatling gun, when I fired a full drum of 103 rounds in two seconds, this being at the rate of 3090 rounds per minute. This speed is, of course, beyond all practical use. It is conceded by military authorities in Europe that from 400 to 500 shots per minute is quite sufficient, provided these can be controlled by the man pointing, and delivered with accuracy on the point aimed at, which is exactly what I claim can be done with my gun fitted with the trigger arrangement, and by no other machine gun of the present time. As to the question of rapidity of fire, in all systems of rotary guns it is dependent upon the number of barrels.

Dr. Gatling is quite mistaken when he says that the so-called Aocles gun is an old model of the Gatling. The gun which I am presenting here is one of the latest type with all improvements, and is constructed to fire the new U. S. magazine rifle cartridge, calibre .30, using the smokeless powder. I have built and supplied in England a number of guns for various Governments, which fire the small bore ammunition (the same as the calibre lately adopted by the United States Navy.)

I agree most heartily with Dr. Gatling's statement that a man is entitled to the fruit of his labor, but the doctor, to be consistent, should not take to himself the credit for the new feed which, he says, he has applied to his latest gun. These patents were taken out by Clement M. Broderick and John Vankevrahl and assigned to the Gatling Gun Co.

It does not stand to reason that I would present a gun for trial before the military authorities here, knowing the Gatling gun as well as I do, unless I had a newer and better model of gun than is in existence here at the present time.

In order to correct any erroneous impression, I beg to state that I am an American, and that my gun is the result of American energy and education. Yours, truly, J. G. AOCLES.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

## FORT RENO, O. T.

NOVEMBER 30, 1893.

It is not very frequently that our comrades have the opportunity to hear from this post. In fact, I presume they think we are dead to the world. However, there is a number of enterprising and intelligent young men in our ranks who are endeavoring to amuse us and break the monotony of garrison life. On Thursday, Nov. 23, the members of the H. W. Thomas Garrison No. 39, R. A. and Nav. Union, gave a social hop and an elegant spread for the benefit of a disabled comrade who is lying in the post hospital. The committee having charge of the affair left nothing undone to make it pleasant for all that were present, and not too much can be said of the music furnished by the regimental orchestra for the occasion. At an early hour of the next morning the orchestra played the familiar strains, "Home, Sweet Home." On Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, the Fort Reno Musical and Specialty Co., lately organized by some members of Troop K, 3d Cavalry, gave their first entertainment, in the post hall. It was crowded to its full capacity. The entertainment proved to be a decided success, and surpassed the expectations of all present. The program was well arranged, and much credit is due to Trumpeter M. H. Noyes, of Troop A, 3d Cavalry, who acted in the capacity of stage manager; H. J. Loud and L. Gayden deserve special praise for their efficiency in the laughable sketch entitled "Murphy's Ghost." The music, furnished by the regimental orchestra, under the direction of G. Chuk, was most delightful. A SPECTATOR.

## PERSONAL ITEMS.

P. A. SURGEON J. S. SAYRE, has joined the U. S. S. *Richmond* at Newport, R. I.

PAYMASTER J. P. LOOMIS, U. S. N., reported for duty on board the *Minnesota* at New York last week.

PAY INSPECTOR J. E. TOLFREE, U. S. N., recently detached from the *Minnesota* is now on waiting orders.

ASSISTANT SURGEON J. F. LEYS, U. S. N., is on duty on the receiving ship *Vermont* at the Navy-yard, New York.

CHIEF ENGINEER GEORGE SEWELL, U. S. N., retired, has changed his residence to 177 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn.

P. A. ENGINEER AND MRS. F. M. BENNETT, U. S. N., have taken quarters for the winter at No. 4 Lafayette Square, Washington.

ENSIGN S. S. ROBINSON, U. S. N., and Mrs. Robinson, who left San Francisco, Cal., a short time since for the East, are at Millington, Pa.

SURGEON L. B. BALDWIN, U. S. N., recently detached from the U. S. S. *Richmond*, is on duty at the Navy-yard Pensacola, Fla.

COMMODORE O. C. BADGER, U. S. N., was recently elected an original member of the first class in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

COMMANDER THOMAS PERRY, U. S. Navy, was at the Navy Department last week, on business connected with his ship, the U. S. S. *Castine*.

COMMANDER C. D. SIGSBEE, U. S. Navy, Chief Hydrographer of the Navy Department, has taken a house at 1414 29th Street, Washington, D. C.

LIEUTENANT FRED. SINGER, Chief Intelligence Officer, U. S. Navy, has quarters for the winter at the Albany, Corner of Seventeenth and H Streets, Washington.

P. A. ENGINEER J. M. EMANUEL, U. S. N., resides in Philadelphia at number 1810 North 12th Street. His health has been considerably improved since his retirement.

CHIEF ENGINEER PHILIP INCH, U. S. N., recently transferred from the Norfolk Navy-yard to the Washington yard, has taken a house in Hillyer Place, and gone to housekeeping.

ACCORDING to letters received from the U. S. S. *Concord*, the health of Chief Engr. Scot of that ship is not of the best, but it is not known whether he is more than temporarily under the weather or not.

CHIEF ENGINEER TRILLEY, of the *Monterey*, will probably be assigned to sea duty in the course of the next few months, the Secretary having decided that service on the vessel shall not comprise an unbroken cruise.

MRS. FITCH, the wife of Chief Engineer H. W. Fitch, U. S. N., of the *San Francisco*, has taken pleasant quarters on 20th Street near Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D. C., where she will remain until spring.

P. A. SURGEON G. P. LUMSDEN, U. S. N., has been relieved from duty with the monitors at Richmond, Va., and has joined the U. S. S. *Keearsarge*, relieving P. A. Surg. F. A. Hiler, who has arrived at Richmond, Va., for duty.

LIEUTENANT AND MRS. T. E. D. W. VEEDER, U. S. Navy, have gone to housekeeping at 1704 R Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. Mrs. Veeder is well known in Savannah, Ga., where she was Miss Mollie Green until her marriage last fall.

MRS. EDIE, the mother of Ensign John R. Edie, U. S. N., at present serving on the *Charleston*, has received late letters from her son at Rio, in which he speaks enthusiastically of the fine opportunities for the acquisition of "pointers" in the art of naval warfare, which are almost daily presented there. Mrs. Edie is slowly recovering from the serious eye trouble, from which she has suffered so long.

The friends of the late Chief Clerk of the Navy Department, John W. Hogg, are disturbed because only one Navy officer attended his funeral. The *Brooklyn Eagle* which registers this complaint says: "The funeral was attended by a great many civilians connected with the department, and Secretary Herbert, as a mark of respect to Mr. Hogg, allowed all those who desired to be present the privilege of going."

The venerable Crocker House, New London, has been full to overflowing during the past week with Navy people gathered to assist at the trial of the *Marblehead*. The advent of the naval officer is always a matter of deep concern to the people of New London, for Uncle Sam's Navy is a prime favorite in this old time city, and the blue and gold is always sure of a warm welcome.

LIEUTENANT AND MRS. GEO. H. PETERS, U. S. N., have given up their pleasant house on New Jersey avenue, Washington, and have taken a temporary residence at 203 East Capitol street, pending orders to sea duty which are now imminent. Mrs. Peters and her mother intend going abroad for a portion of the time while her husband is at sea, depending somewhat upon the station attached to.

ASSISTANT NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR AND MRS. ELLIOT SNOW, U. S. N., have settled in Vallejo for the present, and will remain there until it is decided whether he is entitled to a house in the yard. The point will be made that as the constructor's duties are altogether of an administrative nature it is more essential that his quarters should be near his duties, than many others who are provided with houses there.

PAYMASTER GEORGE A. SAWYER, U. S. N., is receiving many congratulations over the promotion of his brother, Lieut. J. Estcourt Sawyer, U. S. A., to captain and A. Q. M. in the Army. Capt. Sawyer comes of a naval family, his father having been the well known Capt. Horace B. Sawyer of the Navy. One of his sisters is the wife of Chief Engr. John W. Moore, U. S. N., at present stationed at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, as general inspector of the *Olympia* and *Oregon*.

NAVY officers registering in New York City this week were Ensign C. F. Hughes, Sturtevant House, and Asst. Engr. De Witt C. Redgrave, Grand Union Hotel.

CAPTAIN EDWARD P. MEERER, U. S. M. C., has, since his retirement in 1892, resided most of the time in Brooklyn, where he occupies pleasant quarters on Hancock street, No. 183.

MISS EDITH L. HARRIS, youngest daughter of the late Chief Engr. Robert L. Harris, U. S. N., was married Nov. 22, at Wiconisco, Dauphin Co., Pa., to Mr. Horace G. Williams. Miss Harris has been residing with her brother-in-law, Asst. Engr. C. W. Dvson, U. S. N., since the death of her father in 1889.

CHIEF ENGINEER WEBSTER, gave an account of his personal experiences during the wreck of the *Vandalia* and *Trenton*, March 15 and 16, 1889, before a circle of "The King's Daughters" in Georgetown, Dec. 8, the object being to defray the expense of a free bed in the hospital for incurables on Georgetown Heights.

COLONEL S. B. HAYMAN, U. S. Army, retired, is spending the winter at Houstonia, Mo.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES KELLER, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., is a recent arrival in Montgomery, Alabama.

CAPTAIN THOMAS W. SYMONS, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., visited in New York City this week, registering at the Holland House.

PRIVATE JAMES LONE ELK, of Indian Company I, 2d Infantry, has severed his connection with the Service under the purchase system.

CAPTAIN E. L. ZALINSKI, 5th U. S. Artillery, recently examined by a Retiring Board at Governor's Island, has been found unfit for active service.

MAJOR T. H. HANDBURY, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, and family, have left Portland, Oregon, for Louisville, Ky., where they are expected to arrive in a few days.

COLONEL CHARLES BYRNE, Assistant Surgeon General, U. S. A., has been transferred from the District of Columbia Commandery to the Dakota Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

COLONEL N. W. OSBORNE, 5th U. S. Infantry, lately in the North on leave, has returned to St. Augustine and resumed command of his regiment and of the post of St. Francis Bks.

COLONEL RICHARD LODOR and Lieuts. G. F. E. Harrison, W. A. Simpson and S. M. Foote, U. S. A., of Fort Adams, and Capt. R. M. Rogers, of Fort Preble made a pleasant visit to Fort Warren, Mass., this week.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM W. WOTHERSPOON, 12th U. S. Infantry, of Mt. Vernon Barracks, Ala., paid a brief visit to Whitlitt, Swain County, N. C., this week, where he met Capt. R. H. Pratt, U. S. A., of the Indian School at Carlisle, Pa.

GENERAL JOHN GIBSON, U. S. A., has received the warm thanks of the people of Winchester, Va., for his lecture there last week on "My Life on the Plains, or What I Know about Indians," the proceeds being devoted to charitable purposes.

CHAPLAIN I. N. RITTER, U. S. A., of Fort Keogh, seems to have had an unusually interesting Thanksgiving service this year, to judge from the programme recently received. One of the most pleasant features was a series of recollections of Thanksgiving sentiments by several of the children of the post.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL A. C. WILDRICK, 1st U. S. Artillery, commandant of Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. Harbor, has found it necessary to order that the playing of games on the parade ground at that post be discontinued. Even adumbrate parade grounds in these days of modern football, can scarce stand the pressure.

LIEUTENANTS JAMES HAMILTON, 3d U. S. Artillery, of Willets Point, and W. O. Johnson, 19th U. S. Infantry, of Fort Brady, are added to the list of those to be examined next week in New York with a view to selection for transfer to the Ordnance Department. This makes seven officers in all who go before the board.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL THOMAS WARD, Assistant Adjutant General, U. S. A., was expected to arrive in Denver this week to enter upon duty at the Headquarters Department of the Colorado, relieving Major Adna R. Chaffee, 9th Cavalry, from charge of the A. G. O. there, a position which he has filled for several months past with great ability in addition to his duties as Assistant Inspector General.

COLONEL CHARLES PAGE, Assistant Surgeon General, U. S. A., to whose excellent record of service we referred last week, was duly retired for age Dec. 4, and now takes up his residence in Baltimore. It is needless to say he left Governor's Island with the best of wishes from all for his future happiness and that of Miss Lizzie Page, his daughter. Both were exceedingly popular on the island.

The list of "representative members" of the Aztec Club of 1847, recalls, forcibly, the days and scenes of long ago. It includes Capt. Henry T. Allen, U. S. Army, a relative of Wm. C. Allen, who was first lieutenant of 3d Kentucky Volunteers, in the Mexican War; Allen Arnold, who derives his eligibility from Gen. Lewis G. Arnold, U. S. Army; Capt. George T. Beall, U. S. Army, from Col. Benjamin L. Beall, U. S. Army, Alexander Caldwell, from Capt. James A. Caldwell, 2d Pennsylvania Volunteers; Charles W. Knapp, from Capt. John Knapp, of the Saint Louis Legion, Wm. G. McRee, from Lieut. Col. Samuel McRee, U. S. Army, Robert H. E. Porter, from Lieut. David St. L. Porter, U. S. Army, who died in Mexico, Franklin L. Ridgely, from Lieut. Henderson Ridgely, U. S. Army, who was killed Nov. 24, 1847, in action at the Pass Guadalupe, Mexico; Robert F. Shepard, from Lieut. Burritt Shepard, U. S. Navy; Wilson F. H. Turner, from Major Henry S. Turner, Horace Williams, from Gen. Seth Williams, U. S. Army, and Capt. Wm. W. Wotherspoon, U. S. Army, from Assistant Surgeon Alexander W. Wotherspoon, U. S. Army.



LIEUTENANT H. G. LEARNARD, 19th U. S. Infantry, has taken charge of recruiting matters at Fort Brady, Mich.

CAPTAIN WM. A. KOBBS, and Lieuts. C. C. Gallup and C. C. Hearn, U. S. A., rejoined at Fort Monroe early this week from short leaves.

The seniors in the Infantry arm are now Lieut. Col. A. T. Smith, 8th; Maj. Geo. M. Randall, 4th, and Capt. G. S. Carpenter, 14th Regiment.

LIEUTENANT W. E. SHIPP, 10th U. S. Cavalry, of Fort Buford, will spend the month of December with friends at Raleigh, N. C.

CAPTAIN A. C. TAYLOR, 2d U. S. Artillery, was expected to leave Fort Warren, Mass., the latter part of this week for Hot Springs, Ark.

Mrs. MACK, widow of Lieut. Col. Oscar F. Mack, 21st U. S. Infantry, and the Misses Mack, are at the Hotel Endicott, New York City, for the winter.

LIEUTENANT W. L. SIMPSON, 9th U. S. Infantry, of Sackett's Harbor, visited friends in New York City this week, en route to David's Island and West Point.

CAPTAIN H. C. CARBAUGH, U. S. A., Judge-Advocate of the Department of Dakota, has left St. Paul for the East to spend December and January on leave.

CAPTAIN LEONARD A. LOVERING, 4th U. S. Infantry, has under his recent promotion gone to Boise Barracks, Idaho, and taken command of Co. C, of his regiment.

CAPTAIN Q. O' M. GILLMORE, 8th U. S. Cavalry, of Fort Meade, who will spend the month of December on leave for the benefit of his health, has been visiting New York.

LIEUTENANTS W. L. KENLY, M. K. Barroll, John P. Hains, and George Le R. Irwin, U. S. A., rejoined at Fort Monroe, Va., early in the week from short Thanksgiving leaves.

The Department of the Columbia has now a brand new commanding general, Gen. Elwell S. Otis, and a brand new assistant adjutant-general, Maj. Geo. S. Wilson.

MAJOR J. C. POST, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., soon to arrive in New York from England, will spend until after New Year's on leave, before resuming duty with his Corps.

CAPTAIN C. L. DAVIS, 10th U. S. Infantry, is to be congratulated on receiving so pleasant a detail, especially during the winter season, as that to the Bingham School at Asheville, N. C.

LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER D. SCHENCK, 2d U. S. Artillery, has taken command of Battery B, of his regiment at Fort Warren, Mass., during the absence of Capt. A. C. Taylor on sick leave.

LIEUTENANT J. T. CHABBS, 8th U. S. Cavalry, has been appointed secretary of the U. S. Cavalry Association in succession to Lieut. Thos. Cruise, 6th U. S. Cav., recently appointed regimental quartermaster.

CAPTAIN JAMES REGAN, 9th U. S. Infantry, commanding of Fort Ontario, N. Y., rejoined there early in the week from a brief absence to meet Mrs. Regan, who has been visiting in New York City.

Among those who visited Annapolis on Dec. 2 to witness the great football game between the cadets of the Military and Naval Academies were Lieuts. Chas. G. Treat, and G. H. Macdonald, Aides-de-Camp to Maj.-Gen. Howard.

The next Army retirement for age is that of Capt. John F. Rodgers, Military Storekeeper, on Jan. 13, 1894, but no promotion or appointment will ensue therefrom. The next is Lieut.-Col. Geo. B. Dandy, D. Q. M. G., on Feb. 11, 1894.

A sad accident occurred at Fort Riley recently. The only child, about 3 years old, of a domestic in the family of Lieut. Hinds, 2d Artillery, having been shut up in a room alone, got possession of a box of matches, and set fire to its clothing and was so severely burned that it died.

COLONEL F. D. GRANT and Mrs. Grant have been the recipients of many pleasant attentions since their arrival in New York. One of the pleasant receptions in their honor was that given Dec. 2, by Col. G. L. Gillespie, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., and Mrs. Gillespie. Many Army people and persons distinguished in civil life were present.

The Topeka Club on Dec. 1 began a series of evening literary entertainments. On that evening Gen. Forsyth, U. S. A., of Fort Riley, gave an informal talk on "Two Salient Events of a Soldier's Life." Gen. Forsyth is well known in military circles, and has a proud record in Army life, especially in the battle of Wounded Knee.—*Topeka Journal*.

The *Countersign*, a National Guard paper, says: "Co. G, 9th U. S. Infantry, stationed at Fort Ontario, is a thoroughly well drilled and disciplined company. Capt. Regan and Lieuts. Anderson and Albright are fine officers and gentlemen, and are frequently seen at the army in Oswego. It is likely Co. G will join the 48th in a few battalion drills this winter."

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals has sustained the demurrer in the case of Col. F. C. Ainsworth, U. S. A., Chief of the Bureau of Pension Records of the War Department, and three others, indicted for manslaughter in causing the collapse of the old Ford's Theatre building in June last. This decision remands the case to the Criminal Court, which will discharge the defendants.

The reception recently tendered to Col. R. H. Hall, 4th U. S. Inf., and Mrs. Hall, at Fort Sherman, is described by a correspondent as a genuinely pleasant affair. Under the glow of softened lights, says he, the beauty of the artistic decorations, with the brilliant uniforms of officers and the exquisite toilets of the ladies, formed a scene of enchanting loveliness, such as cannot be equalled outside of Army circles. Dancing formed part of the evening's pleasure and was preceded by a beautiful selection entitled "Angels' Dreams," rendered by the string band. A delightful luncheon was served informally.

ADJUTANT E. ST. J. GREBLE, 3d U. S. Artillery, left Fort Adams, R. I., Dec. 3 to be absent for a week.

ADJUTANT C. H. BARTH, 12th U. S. Infantry, has left Fort Leavenworth, to return after the Christmas holidays.

CAPTAIN C. A. BOOTH, 7th U. S. Infantry, contributes to *Outing* for December a valuable addition to his report on the "National Guard of Pennsylvania."

MAJOR THEO. SCHWAN, Assistant Adjutant-General, U. S. A., has arrived in Omaha and entered upon duty in the A. G. O. at the Headquarters Department of the Platte.

MAJOR J. W. WHAM, Paymaster, U. S. A., lately at Vancouver Barracks, is expected East at an early date to be examined for retirement by a board at Washington Barracks.

CAPTAIN J. H. DORST, 4th U. S. Cavalry, an able and accomplished officer, has been selected to succeed Capt. O. L. Hein, 1st U. S. Cavalry, as Military Attache at Vienna, Austria.

CAPTAIN D. H. FLOYD, Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. Army, lately relieved from duty at Columbus Barracks, O., is at Indianapolis. We regret to learn his health is not very good.

CAPTAIN B. H. GILMAN, 13th U. S. Infantry, recently relieved from duty at the Military Prison, will leave Fort Leavenworth before Christmas to join his regiment in Oklahoma Territory.

LIEUTENANT JOHN HOWARD, 19th U. S. Infantry, will leave Fort Leavenworth, about Dec. 20 on a fortnight's leave, during which his marriage to Miss Emily G. Britton, of San Francisco, will take place.

MAJOR C. E. BENNETT, 19th U. S. Infantry, recently promoted from captain, 17th Infantry, has been visiting his daughter at Fort Leavenworth, Mrs. Muir, the wife of Lieutenant C. H. Muir, 2d U. S. Infantry.

LIEUTENANT C. DEL. HINE, 6th U. S. Infantry, lately visiting at Vienna, Va., rejoined at Newport Barracks, Ky., recently, and leaves there again early next week for temporary duty at Fort Thomas.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL EDWARD MOALE, U. S. A., of San Francisco, Maj. J. A. Darling, and Lieut. J. D. Miley, of the Presidio, and Capt. W. N. Tisdall, and Lieut. C. G. Starr, of Angel Island, were visitors this week at San Diego Barracks, Cal.

GENERAL JOHN BROOKE, U. S. A., in parting with Col. M. V. Sheridan, U. S. A., who has bidden farewell to Omaha and gone to St. Paul, expresses his high appreciation of his services in the A. G. O. Department of the Platte, during the past four years.

LIEUTENANT EATON A. EDWARDS, 25th U. S. Infantry, who has many friends in New York City, has taken charge of quartermaster matters at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, until the arrival of Colonel Charles Bird, U. S. A., from Omaha, where he is detained by sickness in his family.

CAPTAIN GEORGE E. POND, U. S. A., in charge of construction matters at Plattburgh Barracks, N. Y., is a recent visitor at Topeka, Kas., as witness before the U. S. Court there, and while in the West availed himself of the opportunity to visit old friends at Forts Riley and Leavenworth.

Recent guests at the Southern Hotel, St. Louis, are Lieut.-Col. S. S. Sumner, 6th Cavalry, and Mrs. Sumner; Asst. Surg. E. S. Munson and Mrs. Munson; Lieut. R. B. Padook, 6th Cavalry; Lieut. F. S. Foltz, 1st Cavalry, and Mrs. Foltz; Lieut. J. A. Johnston, 8th Cavalry, and Mrs. Johnston; Lieut. R. B. Bryan, 2d Cavalry; Lieut. G. S. Bingham, 9th Cavalry, and Lieut. J. A. Lockwood, 4th Cavalry.

A DENVER despatch says: Gen. McCook has received a copy of a paper being circulated by the Mexican revolutionists along the border. It is addressed to the Mexican soldiers, and is an argument for them to desert the Government and join with the insurgents. President Diaz is spoken of as "that bad Mexican who has mortgaged Mexico in foreign markets; that cursed son who murders his brothers and debases them."

The *Kansas City Star*, referring to the then vacant Brigadier-Generalship, now filled, says: "The promotion of Col. Forsyth is desired and in fact expected by the people of a great section of the country on other grounds besides those of rank or precedence. The people of the great country west of the Missouri desire the recognition of his vast services to them in the protection of the country against a savage foe which is no longer dreaded and powerful because its forces were broken and scattered through Forsyth's personal vigilance, courage and knowledge (earned by hard experience) of all the ways of savage warfare. The Legislature of Kansas, the State which may be said to know Col. Forsyth the best from long term of service within its borders, years ago adopted resolutions requesting the President of the United States to nominate Col. Forsyth for the position of brigadier, then soon to become vacant. These resolutions may be considered to be 'in full force and effect,' so to remain until what the Legislature designated as his 'well merited promotion' shall be attained."

The *Chicago Times* having given expression to a few criticisms at the expense of the Columbian Guard, including the lines

"And so the white City may stand for a year;  
It's likely to do so, that's certainly clear;  
But we hope if it does that it's not on the card;  
To also retain the Columbian Guard."

The *Chicago Journal* comes to the rescue and says: "Their record during the six months of the World's Fair was one of exceptional merit. They were respectful and courteous to all classes of visitors. No branch of the administration of the White City from May 1 to Oct. 30 compared in usefulness and efficiency with the much-lampooned Columbian Guard. Col. Rice, U. S. A., is to be congratulated on the results attained under his excellent system with recruits raw to such exact duties. And the Columbian Exposition is to be felicitated on having had the services of such a fine officer and disciplinarian as Col. Rice."

LIEUTENANT J. L. CHAMBERLIN, 1st U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H., on Monday from a short leave.

MADAME LE BOUTILLIER, of Cincinnati, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Capt. O'Connell, at the Hotel Marlborough, New York City.

CAPTAIN RICHARD E. THOMPSON, Signal Corps, U. S. A., has now got pleasantly settled down to business at the Headquarters Dept. of Texas, San Antonio.

LIEUTENANT EDWARD B. CARRATT, 4th U. S. Cavalry, a graduate of this year and now at Fort Walla Walla, will leave there for the East about the middle of December on a month's leave.

A SERVANT who was accused of stealing by Capt. Edmund Rice, 5th Inf., when he was on duty at Columbus, Ohio, two years ago, has obtained a verdict of \$600 against him in a suit for \$5,000 damages.

GENERAL BROUSARD VON SCHILLENDOFF, the new Minister of War in Germany, is a martial-looking man of medium height. He wears a moustache and imperial. He is said to be almost as eloquent a speaker as his late brother, who was one of his predecessors in office.

The New York Sons of the Revolution will celebrate the anniversary of the Boston Tea Party at Delmonico's Dec. 16. Among those who will attend are Robert S. Williams, President of the Oneida National Bank of Utica, and his son, Prof. Williams, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, both of whom are members of the society, and are lineal descendants of Thomas Williams, who assisted at the original tea party in Boston Harbor.

1st Lieut. J. ESTOOURT SAWYER, 5th U. S. Art., who has just been appointed to fill the vacancy in the Q. M. Department, U. S. A., has been identified with that regiment since he was appointed to it from civil life, Nov. 11, 1867. It is but recently he was appointed quartermaster of his regiment. Capt. Sawyer is an officer of wide experience and served for a time at Governor's Island as aide-de-camp to Major Gen. Schofield and as Acting Judge Advocate of the Division of the Atlantic.

A WASHINGTON despatch to the *New York Times*, referring to society matters says: "Among the leading debutantes of the present season the two branches of the Service, the Army and Navy, contribute the largest quota. Miss Ruggles, daughter of the adjutant general, will be among the number. Miss Alice Rochester, daughter of Gen. Rochester, will be another debutante. The Misses Reeder, daughters of Comdr. Reeder of the Navy, will be prominent representatives of that branch of the Service."

The *New York Herald* says: "The engagement is announced with authority after many false rumors of Miss Marie Stirling, a daughter of Commander Yates Stirling, U. S. Navy, of Baltimore, to Mr. J. Lee Tallier, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Tallier, of New York. What will be Baltimore's loss will be a decided gain to New York and Mr. Tallier. Miss Stirling's beauty is far famed. Her coloring suggests the beauties of Titian's day. She has been too frequent a visitor to New York to be considered a stranger."

Four officers at headquarters, without saying a by-your-leave to others there, clubbed together and presented Col. Michael V. Sheridan with a handsome cigar holder before his departure for St. Paul. Upon the under side of one cover is inscribed: "Presented to Col. Sheridan, U. S. A., in token of the affectionate remembrance in which he is held by Col. T. H. Stanton, U. S. A., Col. D. H. Benham, U. S. A.; Major Henry McEldevry, U. S. A.; Major C. F. Humphrey, U. S. A."—*Omaha Herald*.

A DESPATCH from Missoula of recent date, gives an account of the efforts to rescue the lost Carlin party and describes the return to Fort Missoula of Lieut. C. H. Martin, 14th U. S. Inf., with news from one of the rescuing parties under Capt. Andrews, 25th Inf. His long ride, says the *Standard*, "was an eventful one and he had one narrow escape from drowning. He attempted to reach the post during one day, and his most intimate friend would not have recognized him when his jaded horse staggered up to the headquarters building. His clothing was frozen stiff and he was chilled from long exposure, but he brought the cheerful news that the brave little party from the fort had escaped safely from the perils of the storm on the divide, and is now at Lo Lo springs, and that the Carlin party was probably safe at Jerome Johnson's camp."

The *Kansas City Times* gives the following notes on the fox chase recently held at Fort Leavenworth: Mrs. Gilman's horse fell. She proved herself an excellent horsewoman and was not hurt. Lieut. Rothenback's horse stepped in a hole. Rather than have the affair discussed he put up the champagne. Miss Dalsey Smith's bit broke during the run, but was immediately repaired by Lieut. Ryan and she came in at the finish. Miss Miles' riding was much admired and she followed the hounds from start to finish. Capt. Beach did not think he would ride in the chase, but could not control the cavalry spirit and came in at the finish well to the front. The breakfast for the hunt was prepared under the direction of Lieut. Ryan, 10th Cav. The adjutant, Lieut. Barth, had, with his usual courtesy, ordered the band out.

MAJOR JAMES JACKSON, 2d Cav., entertained the students of the High School, Portland, Oregon, last week with an interesting address on "The Battle of Civilization with Barbarism in the Western Half of the United States." He related the story of the long struggle between the white man and the Indian for the possession of the continent. He took up the narrative with the strong westward wave of settlement that formed itself immediately after the civil war. The position of the tribes on the plains, their life, game, and mutual relations were spoken of. The tactics used by all companies travelling in the western wilderness were described and interesting accounts given of the building of transcontinental railroads. The more recent wars west of the Rockies were referred to and appropriately explained, the meaning of this history as but the necessary outcome of a contest between a race stolidly contented and one nobly discontented and making strong endeavors to satisfy higher wants.



CAPTAIN R. L. HOKIE, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, registered at the St. Stephens Hotel, New York City, this week.

LIEUTENANT JACQUES DE LA LAFITTE, 8th U. S. Infantry, under recent orders changes base from Fort Robinson, Neb., to Fort McKinney, Wyo.

COLONEL C. E. COMPTON, 4th U. S. Cav., on leave and lately visiting at Kansas City, Mo., was expected to rejoin at Fort Walla Walla this week.

LIEUTENANT HUGH T. REED, U. S. A., retired, and Mrs. Reed are en route from Chicago to San Francisco, where they will be for the winter. They expect to go to Europe next spring, to be there for six months or more.

THE Christmas issue of *Harper's Young People*, published Dec. 5, is a remarkable number. It has continuation of "Cadet Days: A Story of West Point," by Capt. Charles King, U. S. A., and a host of other good things.

COLONEL L. L. LANGDON, 1st U. S. Artillery, commandant of Fort Hamilton, has arranged a lyceum curriculum during the present winter which will include the reading of essays by himself and Capt. Andrews, Dillenback and Shaw, and Lieuts. Best, Honeycutt, Todd, Marsh, Price, Bailey, Hunter, Parker, Stevens, Straub, Snow, Coe, Chamberlaine and Hazzard.

LIEUTENANT C. P. ELLIOTT, 4th U. S. Cavalry, sent from Vancouver Barracks in search of the missing Callin party, found them descending the middle fork of the Clearwater. The party was trying to get out of the mountains, and had suffered terrible hardships, being short of provisions and clothing. Their stock was stampeded Oct. 5, and five feet of snow fell the next day.

"FRONTIER Service in the Fifties" is the subject of an interesting paper in the December number of *The United Service*, by Col. W. B. Lane, U. S. A., retired. Mrs. Lane has also written a book, "I Married a Soldier," which is said to be one of the clearest and most accurate descriptions ever published of Army experience in the time and region of which it treats.

Mrs. BROOKS, wife of Gen. John R. Brooke, U. S. Army, of Omaha, gave an enjoyable Kensington tea recently in honor of the Misses Dandy, Waring, Cushing, and the Misses Hamilton, daughters of Major Hamilton, U. S. Army. A few married ladies and a number of Omaha's brightest girls brought their embroidery and talked and stitched the afternoon away.

GENERAL JOHN BROOKE, U. S. A., was a pall bearer at the recent funeral of Gen. John Mulcahy, concerning whom the Omaha *Excelsior* says: "He was one of the very few men who, having been brevetted a general, ever refused to be known by other than his rank of colonel and hence as 'Col. Mulcahy' he was always known. Gen. Mulcahy was over 70 years old and leaves a wife and several sons and daughters."

OUR naval force on the west coast of Central America was strengthened this week by the addition of the *Ranger* which sailed from San Francisco to relieve the *Alliance* at Corinto. The *Alliance* will proceed to Callao, Peru, where she will remain a few weeks to watch American interest, and will then come to New York by way of the Magellan Straits. It is said to be the intention of the Department to retain the *Yorktown* on the Central American coast for some time yet.

COLONEL GEO. ELLIOT, Corps of Engrs., was elected vice president of the District of Columbia Society, Sons of the Revolution, at the annual meeting held in Washington this week. Capt. O. F. Long, Q. M. Dept., and Col. Mallory, retired, were elected on the Board of Managers for the next year. Justice Brewer, of the U. S. Supreme Court, declined reelection and Mr. Lewis Johnson Davis was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

THE unveiling of the statue of General James D. Shields in Statuary Hall at the Capitol Dec. 7, was made the occasion for impressive ceremonies, in which both Houses of Congress as well as many distinguished citizens in private life participated. Miss Katharine S. Shields, of Carrollton, Mo., the only living daughter of the General, occupied a seat on the platform, accompanied by her two brothers, Col. Fisher, the only living member of the staff of Gen. Shields in the Mexican War, was also on the platform.

THE Army friends of Lieut. Thomas S. Nichols, late 5th Cavalry, will be pleased that he has been allowed a substantial pension. Lieut. Nichols took part in the winter campaign of Indian Territory expedition. Gen. N. A. Miles commanding, where he contracted a violent form of rheumatism, which finally developed into paralysis, of which he has had two strokes, leaving him speechless. For nearly thirteen years he has not been able to speak and has been a great sufferer.

It is understood that the prosecution in the case of Capt. Daniel F. Stiles, U. S. A., retired, tried by G. C. M. at Oklahoma, broke down completely, and the verdict was an honorable acquittal. Lieut. Clarke and Judge Douglas were counsel for the accused. Men high in official position in Oklahoma testified in Capt. Stiles' behalf. His official conduct as provost marshal of Oklahoma City underwent the closest examination. It was shown that his position was a most trying one, and many of the acts committed by him in the line of duty were but the carrying out of orders of higher authority.

A Fort Assiniboine correspondent of the K. C. Times, writing of the recent appointment of Col. E. S. Otis to Brigadier General, says: "The day the news reached us was bitterly cold for the season of the year, but in the universal rejoicing which followed the announcement of Col. Otis' promotion everyone forgot the story the thermometer was telling and only thought of moving toward the commanding officer's quarters to congratulate the recipient of a well-merited though tardy preferment. Gen. Otis possesses qualities which attract men of force and character. He is honest and frank. He is the embodiment of justice and the soul of honor. . . . A braver soldier, a more loyal patriot, a truer man than Brig. Gen. E. S. Otis never wore a uniform or buckled on a sword."

ENSIGN LLOYD CHANDLER, son of Senator Chandler, will be married on Dec. 14 to Miss Agatha Buford Edson of Rock Island, Ill.

THE report of the board which examined Capt. Zalinski at Governor's Island for retirement has been received at the War Department, but has not yet been acted upon. The Secretary left Washington Wednesday, but will take the matter up on his return Monday.

THE following officers registered at the War Department last week: Maj. James Gillies, Q. M. Dept.; Lt. Col. E. B. Beaumont, Capt. J. H. Dorst, Col. R. P. Hughes, Maj. J. C. Mallory, Engrs.; Capt. A. H. Jackson, 7th Inf., and R. W. Hoyt, 11th Inf.

FRED SNYDER, an American, well known in Ordinance circles, who has been residing in London for some years, has frightened the British officials out of their propriety by the discovery in his possession of a square (in box), to which was attached a time fuse. The box was supposed to be loaded with dynamite, but as a matter of fact contained only three harmless fuse bases. They were seized with Mr. Snyder's other effects under sheriff's process in distraint for rent.

No more pleasant banquet has taken place in New York City for a long time past than the annual one of the St. Nicholas Society at Delmonico's on the evening of Dec. 8. The gathering at the special guests' table included Elihu Root, Gen. O. O. Howard, commanding the Department of the East; Rear Admiral Gherardi, U. S. N.; Comdr. Philip, of the cruiser *New York*; Comdr. Miller, of the Naval Reserve; D. B. St. John, Rosa, Gen. Horace Porter, and the minister of the Netherlands. In the absence of President Depue Vice-President King presided. Many pleasant responses to toasts were made including one to "The Army," patriotically and wittily replied to by Maj.-Gen. Howard, who was in his best vein. He was followed by Admiral Gherardi, who responded to "The Navy," and spoke in hopeful terms of American ships and seamen of the future.

THE following naval officers were registered at the Navy Dept. this week: Commo. O. F. Stanton, Lts. T. B. M. Mason and W. J. Barnette, and Asst. Naval Constructor R. P. Hobson.

THE naval longevity pay cases of Prof. Alger, Naval Constructor Stahl, and Comdr. Hutchins, appealed from the Court of Claims has been submitted on being before the U. S. Supreme Court. They will be decided during the present term of the court.

THE case of Paymtr. John Clyde Sullivan, which has been at the White House for several weeks, has not yet been taken up by the President. Until the case is disposed of Secretary Herbert will not consider the large number of applications on file for the four vacancies in the grade of assistant paymaster.

#### TRIAL OF THE MARBLEHEAD.

THE twin cruiser *Marblehead*, which underwent her official speed trial on Dec. 7 in Long Island Sound, it is reported averaged 18.94 knots in her four hours run. The machinery, it is also reported, worked smoothly, and their general work was excellent, and the vessel, it is said, showed herself stiff in turning. The elapsed time on the outward run is given as 1h. 58 m. 8 s., an average speed over the thirty-six mile course of 18.3 knots an hour. The elapsed time on the home run is reported to be 1h. 50 m. 5 s., a gain of nearly eight minutes on the outward trip and gave an average speed of 19.62 knots an hour for thirty-six miles. The entire run of seventy-two miles was made in 3h. 48 m. 5 s., at the average rate of 18.94 knots an hour, subject to tidal correction. The pressure carried on the boilers was 168 pounds to the square inch. The average revolutions of the starboard engine were from 178 to 180, and of the port engine 176. They developed 5,400 horse-power. The temperature of the fire room was from 145 to 155 degrees Fahrenheit and the air pressure much of the time in the fire room ranged between eight-tenths of an inch and from 1 1/4 to 2 inches in the latter part of the trial. After the trial was over the trial board tested the vessel in turning with full helm, taking careful record of her heeling. When the steam steering apparatus was thrown hard a starboard steering one of these tests the iron brackets holding the steam steering drum, it is reported, gave way and the vessel was compelled to steer herself into port with her twin screw. The contract speed is 17 knots, and the bonus earned is estimated at \$175,000.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

#### FORT KEOGH.

MR. GEORGE SWAINE, son of the commanding officer, Col. P. T. Swaine, died suddenly on Nov. 14 at Los Angeles, Cal. During the past six months he had been engaged in superintending improvements on the property recently purchased near that place by his father. His last illness was exceedingly severe and death came suddenly. This event has caused a feeling of intense sorrow among the families of the garrison, and their sympathies with the bereaved family are most affectionate and sincere. He was a young man of great promise, genial, courteous and manly in a marked degree, and a regular communicant of the Episcopal Church.

#### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEX.

THANKSGIVING DAY was a holiday and in some respects a gala day at Fort Sam Houston. No body of men on earth—certainly no body of soldiers—could sit down to Thanksgiving turkey and accompaniments with more reason to be happy and contented than these self-same soldiers in blue. At the new mess hall in the evening there was a dramatic performance and dance under the auspices of the Fort Sam Houston Social and Dramatic Club. The play was Boucicault's Southern drama, "The Octoroon."

IN the JOURNAL of Nov. 11, under the heading of the 9th Cavalry, we stated that Corp'l. Staff, of Troop C, was killed at Buffalo City, Wyo. Wm. Staff, Co. C, 24th Inf., who tells us that he is a brother of the late corporal, informs us that the report that his brother was killed was incorrect and that he died of an abscess on the brain resulting from injuries received in October, 1892, when he was on duty at Fort Leavenworth.

## THE NAVY

HILARY A. HERBERT, Secretary of the Navy.  
WILLIAM MCADOO, Assistant Secretary.

### NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

#### N. Atlantic Station.—R.-Adml. A. E. K. Benham.

SAN FRANCISCO, flagship, 2d rate, 13 guns, Captain J. C. Watson. Arrived at Barranquilla, Venezuela, Nov. 20, from Cartagena.

MIANTONOMO, monitor, 2d rate, 4 guns, Captain R. R. Wallace, comdg. At New London, Conn., for trial of the *Marblehead* Dec. 7.

VESUVIUS, 4th rate, 3 guns, dynamite cruiser, Lt.-Comdr. Frank Courtis comdg. At New London, Conn., for trial of the *Marblehead* Dec. 7.

KEARSARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. O. F. Heyerman.

Under orders to sail from New York for her winter's cruise in the West Indies. Her objective point will be Port au Prince, Hayti. At New London, Conn., to assist in the trial of the *Marblehead* Dec. 7.

MACHIAS, 8 guns, Commander Charles J. Train. At Navy-yard, New York, undergoing changes and repairs preparatory to a voyage to China.

#### European Station.—A.-R.-Adml. Henry Erben.

Address all mail matter care of B. F. Stevens, Esq., 4 Trafalgar Square, London Eng.

CHICAGO, 2d rate, 14 guns, flagship, Capt. A. T. Mahan. Arrived at Nice Dec. 2.

BENNINGTON, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander C. M. Thomas. Arrived at Genoa Dec. 5.

#### S. Atl. Station.—Captain H. F. Picking in temporary command.

Send mail "Care U. S. Consul, Montevideo, Uruguay, or care of B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London."

NEWARK, flagship, 2d rate, 13 guns, Captain S. W. Terry. At Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

CHARLESTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain Henry F. Picking. At Rio de Janeiro. She will be detained on the Brazilian Coast until troubles are over and will then resume her voyage to Callao.

DETROIT, 10 guns, Comdr. W. H. Brownson. At Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

YANTIC, 4th rate, 4 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. Seth M. Ackley. At Montevideo Nov. 16.

#### Pacific Station.—Rear Admiral John Irwin

Address all mail to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Ca. unless otherwise noted.

PHILADELPHIA, flagship, 2d rate, 12 guns, Capt. A. S. Barker. At Honolulu Nov. 16.

ADAMS, 3d rate, Comdr. Thomas Nelson. At Honolulu, H. I., Nov. 16. Will probably be relieved by the *Mohican*, when she will go to Mare Island for repairs.

ALLIANCE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. T. A. Lyons. At Corinto Nov. 25, and will soon be relieved by the *Ranger*, and then expects to sail for Callao.

THEMIS, 3d rate, 3 machine guns, Lieut. Comdr. C. T. Hutchins. Engaged in survey work on the coast of Lower California, but will return North before the end of the year.

MONTEREY.—Coast defence vessel, 4 guns, Capt. Louis Kempf, comdg. At Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

YORKTOWN, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander P. F. Harrington. At Callao, where she will remain until further orders.

MOHICAN, 3d rate, 10 guns, Comdr. C. E. Clark. At Mare Island, Cal. Repairs about completed. Will probably relieve the *Adams* at Honolulu, H. I.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers, Lieut.-Comdr. W. T. Burwell. At Sitka, Alaska, at last accounts, in winter quarters.

RANGER, 3d rate, Commander E. Longnecker. Sailed from San Francisco for Corinto, Guatemala, Dec. 6, to relieve the *Alliance*.

#### Asiatic Station.—Acting Rear Admiral Jos. S. Skerrett (ordered). Captain J. H. McCormick in temporary command.

Address all mail Yokohama, Japan.

LANCASTER, 2d rate, 10 guns, Capt. A. H. McCormick. Was at Yokohama, Japan, Oct. 27. Will be relieved by the *Baltimore* and will proceed via Cape Good Hope to New York, where she should arrive about March 1 next. Will later be assigned to the training service.

MONOCOT, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. R. E. Impey. At Shanghai Oct. 27.

MARION, flagship, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. O. V. Gridley. At Yokohama. Will soon be ordered home, and will probably come to Mare Island, Cal.

PETREL, 4th rate, 4 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. J. H. Dayton. Arrived at Hakodati, Japan, Oct. 27.

BALTIMORE, flagship, 2d rate, 10 guns, Capt. W. R. Bridgman. Ordered to China as flagship of the Asiatic Station via Suez Canal. Left Colombo for Singapore Dec. 1. Is due at Singapore Dec. 16, and at Hong Kong Dec. 23.

CONORAD, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. C. F. Goodrich. At Hong Kong, China, Nov. 5.

#### Apprentice Training Squadron.

PORTSMOUTH, 12 guns, Comdr. O. J. Barclay. At Newport. While being towed through the East River Dec. 1, en route to Newport, H. I., the vessel grounded on Middle Ground Reef, a short distance above Ward's Island. The ship remained fast, it is reported, for several hours, when she was floated off at high tide. It is not thought she sustained any serious injury. Will return to New York Navy-yard before departing for her Southern cruise.

RIICHMOND, 3d rate, 14 guns, Capt. F. M. Bunce. At Newport, R. I. (Receiving ship for boys). Will be relieved by the *Essex*, and in turn will relieve the *St. Louis* at Philadelphia.



**MINNESOTA**, 19 guns. Receiving ship for boys. Comdr. E. M. Shepard. At dock foot of West 50th street, N. Y. City. P. O. Station G. New York.

**MONONGAHELA**, Comdr. Francis W. Dickins. Arrived at Newport, R. I., Dec. 1, from Funchal.

#### Special Service or Awaiting Assignment.

**ATLANTA**.—Capt. J. R. Bartlett. ordered to hold himself in readiness to command 70 working days from Nov. 25, required to put her in condition.

**BOSTON**.—Capt. F. H. Higginson, ordered to hold himself in readiness to command. Three months at least, it is estimated, will be required to complete her.

**BANCROFT**, practice cruiser, Commander C. M. Chester. At Annapolis, Md.

**CUSHING**, torpedo boat, Lieut. F. F. Fletcher commanding. At New York at last accounts.

**DOLPHIN**, 3d rate, despatch boat, 2 guns. Lieut. B. H. Buckingham. At New London, Conn., to assist in the trial of the *Marblehead* Dec. 7.

**ENTERPRISE**, 3d rate, 6 guns. Comdr. J. F. Merry. At Boston, Mass. The address of the ship is P. O. Box 2284, Boston.

**FERN**, fourth rate, despatch vessel, Lieut. Comdr. J. N. Hemphill.

**MICHIGAN**, 4th rate, 4 guns, (2 howitzers and 2 Gatlings). Lt. Comdr. R. M. Berry. At Erie, Pa., in winter quarters.

**NEW YORK**, 1st rate, 18 guns. Capt. J. W. Philip Comdr. At New York, to undergo some alterations. Work of fitting out is being expedited with view of sending her to Brazil. Sailing orders have not been issued. Her final sea trial is ordered for Dec. 11.

The New York Athletic Club has presented a gymnastic outfit to the vessel, and the New York Yacht Club will give a reception in honor of her officers before the vessel departs.

**STILETTO**.—Torpedo Boat. Assigned to duty at Newport, R. I.

**SARATOGA**, Comdr. E. T. Strong. Nautical schoolship of Pennsylvania. At Philadelphia, where she will remain until ready for the winter's cruise. At the annual examination on Dec. 5 twenty-one boys received diplomas.

**ST. MARY'S**, sails, 8 guns. Comdr. John McGowan, Jr. Public Marine School, New York

#### Receiving Ships, Iron-Clads, Etc.

**DALE**, Comdr. E. S. Houston. Receiving-ship. Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.

**FRANKLIN**, 30 guns, Capt. Merrill Miller. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va.

**INDEPENDENCE**, 7 howitzers. Capt. O. S. Cotton. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

**ST. LOUIS**, sails, Comdr. O. H. Rockwell. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, League Island, Pa. Will be relieved by the *Essex*.

**VERMONT**, 1 gun. Capt. J. N. Miller. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, New York.

**WABASH**, 20 guns, Capt. Jas. O'Kane. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Boston, Mass.

The armor-clads *Ajax*, *Catskill*, *Canonius*, *Lehigh*, *Manhattan* and *Wyandotte*, in command of Comdr. G. W. Pigman, are laid up near Richmond, Va. P. O. address, Richmond, Va.

#### VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

Six more British 27 knot torpedo-boats and destroyers have been ordered, making 19 in all.

Russia has four torpedo boats on the stocks, and is reported to have ordered twenty-eight more.

The work of refitting the U. S. S. *Atlanta* for her next commission, at the Norfolk Navy-yard, is making rapid progress and the ship will be ready for sea early in the new year.

The *Mohican* is slated for Honolulu as soon as her repairs are completed, and will relieve the *Adams* at that point, allowing the latter vessel to return to the United States for much needed repairs.

The small squadron of two ships under command of acting Rear Admiral Erben, is slowly making its way East from Gibraltar. At last accounts the *Chicago* and *Bennington* had arrived at Civita Vecchia, Italy.

The maritime losses, other than those of the Navy, amounted last year to 1,008 vessels of 625,224 tons, with a death rate of 3½ per cent. The percentage of steamers lost was 1.9, and of sailing ships 4.3 per cent.

In reply to a Parliamentary question Sir U. Kay-Shuttleworth said it was well known that when the Russians have completed the vessels now building in the Black Sea, they would have five first-class battleships, and one second class, besides the smaller vessels. Also that England has no cruiser equal in size and speed to the *Rurik*.

The "Stability Board" has been busily engaged in the work of ascertaining whether the *Machias* can properly carry her battery or not. There seems no reason to doubt that her construction has been faulty to a considerable extent, but it is believed the errors of construction can be readily modified.

Work on the *Boston* at the Mare Island Navy-yard is progressing as fast as the limited appropriation will allow, and it is expected she will be ready for a new commission some time early in the spring. The usual difficulty in procuring men on the Pacific Coast is being experienced by the Navy Department, and it is likely that the ships in want of crews on that coast will be forced, as in the past, to rely upon the Eastern receiving ships.

A TORPEDO boat from Her Majesty's ship *Rodney* while practicing on Nov. 14, in the Gibraltar Harbor, sank. A stoker was drowned. The rest of the men on board were saved. The accident seems to have been caused by the helm being suddenly put hard over while the boat was going at a high rate of speed, the result being that she was thrown off her balance, and capsized. The boat was raised on Nov. 15 by means of lighters, and she has now been made fast, bottom upwards, to the *Rodney's* davits. The stoker who perished was found in the stokehold with both arms dislocated.

The new British torpedo boat destroyer *Havock* can steam about 8,500 knots without coaling. The Admiralty consider her a very great success in every respect. Orders have been given for three more vessels of the same class—the *Hasty*, *Charger*, and *Dasher*.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* says that the *Royal Sovereign's* trip from Gibraltar to Plymouth, in 70 hours at close upon full power showed that boiler ferrules could be relied upon for long distances, and at high air pressures, without failing in any way; and the more recent trial of the *Hebe* has fully confirmed this.

A LARGE fire, it is reported, occurred in the Navy-yard at Norfolk, Dec. 6, and before the flames could be subdued the brick and slate building with its contents of steam engine stores was in ashes. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been from spontaneous combustion. The loss is expected to reach between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

ALL of the side armor for the *Terror* at New York is ready for delivery, and is only awaiting the result of the test of a plate representing the last lot which will be made next week. The plate is five inches in thickness and it represents ninety tons of armor. A six-inch gun will attack it. It is believed at the Navy Department that the *Terror* will be completed by early next summer.

The official report of the board appointed to try the *Columbia* has been received at the Bureau of Steam Engineering and the work of collaborating the result is under way. So far as the details have been gone over the results are regarded as exceptionally flattering to the efficiency of the machinery. The book of allowances for stores and outfit for the *Columbia* has been completed at the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts and will be issued to the naval storekeepers at New York and League Island in a short time.

On Oct. 31 England had in the Mediterranean 24 vessels with 271,900 tons burden and an average speed of 18.71 knots; France and Russia together had 33 vessels with 274,639 tons and an average speed of 17.69 knots. The allies had two vessels of 19.5 knots and England eleven with that speed or greater, including two of 22 knots. The allies had seven vessels of 19 knots, England none. Of vessels of from 18 to 18.5 knots the allies had seven and England two. Of vessels of 17 knots the allies had twelve and England had one, and eight of 17.5 and two of 17.6 knots. England had no vessels of lesser speed than 17 knots, but the allies had five 16 knot vessels.

THERE are at present six vacancies in the Medical Corps of the Navy. Surgeon General Tyron intends to fill them as soon as possible as there is a demand for younger medical officers in the Navy. All examinations for candidates for admission will be held at the new Naval Laboratory, Brooklyn. One candidate, the son of Comdr. Cooke, is now undergoing the examination. Candidates are to be examined one or two at a time as they present themselves, and all vacancies will be filled probably before the beginning of next year.

SECRETARY HERBERT has decided that the severity of the examination for appointment as a nautical expert in the Navy Department shall be relaxed. The requirements are to be reasonable demands on a person of education and intelligence. The idea is not to get an expert before appointment, but to be able to make an expert out of the successful candidate. There is one vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Thos. O'Halloran from the branch Hydrographic Office at New York to join the Brazilian forces.—N. Y. Times.

SECRETARY HERBERT on Dec. 5 awarded the contract for two of the three gunboats for the construction of which bids were recently opened, to the Newport News Ship and Drydock Company, of Newport News, Va., at its bid of \$280,000 for each vessel. The award for the construction of the third gunboat, which differs somewhat in design from the others, was held in abeyance until some additional information concerning the character of the bids offered by the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, could be obtained. The Newport News Company was the lowest bidder, it is said, on all three vessels.

SPEAKING of the *Victoria* disaster, *Engineering* says: "Logically or otherwise, public confidence in the present manner of settling designs of ships has been rudely shaken by recent misadventures. This mixture of naval architects' and naval officers' designs appears to be a compromise which does not lead to good results; at any rate, neither division appears satisfied with the influence of the other—speaking, of course, of the two bodies at large. Nominally, and as a matter of procedure, the constructors have no voice in the matter; they are the subordinates of the naval officers on the board and, have simply to do as they are told. Practically, however, they are able to get a great deal of their own way, the extent varying with the ratio of strength of character between the representatives of the two parties. This "Pull, devil; pull, baker," method of settling affairs does not always lead to harmony of design, and it makes the onus of responsibility so uncertain in its incidence that there is always an excuse for either party. According to some persons, constructors are all pedants, and according to others, naval officers are all blockheads. Although these are foolish views, they represent the extremes of two parties, and the public would like to form its own opinion to which side the balance inclines."

#### NAVY GAZETTE.

##### Ordered.

Nov. 25.—Lieutenant-Commander Andrew Dunlap, Lieutenants S. A. Stanton and A. P. Niblack as a board to perfect the Very system of signals and to decide on a cartridge case.

Assistant Naval Constructor Elliot Snow to the Mare Island Navy-yard, Cal.

Dec. 1.—Ensign R. E. Oozitz to the Michigan.

Dec. 2.—Lieutenant James H. Glennon to examination for promotion.

Naval Cadet Marvin Carver to the New York.

Assistant Engineer Charles E. Hayes to duty at Cramp's Shipyard.

##### Detached.

Dec. 1.—Ensign Creighton Churchill from the Michigan and ordered to the Naval Intelligence Office.

Dec. 4.—Ensign Henry K. Benham from the training ship *Monongahela* and granted three months leave.

Dec. 6.—Chief Engr. E. J. Whitaker from the New York Navy-yard and ordered as a member of the Board on Inspection of Merchant Vessels, New York.

Lieutenant J. R. Milton from the *Castine* and ordered to the *Wabash*.

Ensign B. C. Decker from the *Monongahela* and ordered to the *Miantonomoh*.

Ensign J. H. Reld from the *Miantonomoh* and granted three months leave.

Ensign W. J. Terhune from the *Monongahela* and ordered to the *Cushing*, relieving Ensign M. L. Miller, who is detached and granted three months leave.

##### Leave.

Nov. 25.—Surgeon J. H. Gaines, retired, is granted extension of leave for six months, with permission to remain abroad.

Dec. 1.—Commander Thomas Perry granted one month's leave.

##### Nominations.

Dec. 6.—Paymaster Albert D. Bache, to be a pay inspector from Sept. 26, 1893, vice John H. Stevenson retired.

P. A. Paymaster Arthur Peterson, to be a paymaster from Aug. 15, 1891, vice Barton, retired (subject to examination.)

P. A. Paymaster Ambrose K. Michler, to be a paymaster from Sept. 12, 1893, vice McMahon, deceased.

P. A. Paymaster Wm. W. Galt, to be a paymaster from Sept. 26, 1893, vice Bache, promoted.

Assistant Paymaster Samuel L. Head, to be a passed assistant paymaster from Aug. 15, 1893, vice Peterson, promoted.

Assistant Paymaster John Q. (Jove), to be a passed assistant paymaster from Sept. 12, 1893, vice Michler, promoted.

Assistant Paymaster James S. Phillips, to be a passed assistant paymaster from Sept. 26, 1893, vice Galt, promoted.

P. A. Engineer Wm. S. Moore, to be a chief engineer from Aug. 10, 1893, vice Greene, retired.

P. A. Engineer George Cowie, to be a chief engineer from Sept. 12, 1893, vice Robie, retired (subject to examination.)

P. A. Engineer Charles P. Howell, to be a chief engineer from Nov. 10, 1893, vice McKean retired.

Assistant Engineer Wm. Strother Smith, to be a passed assistant engineer from June 27, 1893, to fill a vacancy in that grade.

Assistant Engineer Gustav Kaemmerling, to be a passed assistant engineer from Aug. 10, 1893, vice Moore, promoted.

Assistant Engineer Kenneth McAlpine, to be a passed engineer from Sept. 12, 1893, vice Cowie, promoted (subject to examination.)

Assistant Engineer Clarence H. Matthews, to be a passed assistant engineer from Sept. 27, 1893, vice Rowbotham, retired.

Assistant Engineer DeWitt C. Redgrave, to be a passed assistant engineer from Oct. 1, 1893, vice Hollis, resigned (subject to examination.)

Assistant Engineer Wm. W. White, to be a passed assistant engineer from Nov. 10, 1893, vice Howell, promoted (subject to examination.)

Assistant Engineer Bias C. Sampson, to be a passed assistant engineer from Nov. 17, 1893, vice Mintzer, who is retired.

Lieutenant (Jr. Gr.) John G. Quinby, to be lieutenant from Nov. 5, 1893, vice Waring, deceased (subject to examination.)

Ensign John A. Hoogewerf, to be a lieutenant, junior grade, from Nov. 5, 1893, vice Quinby, junior grade, promoted (subject to examination.)

##### MARINE CORPS.

Dec. 4.—Major A. S. Nicholson is granted leave of absence for six days from this date.

Dec. 5.—Captain P. St. C. Murphy, having reported in obedience to orders of the 25th ult., is granted leave for one month from to-day, and upon expiration will report by letter for further orders.

Cadet appointments to West Point have been issued during the past week to:

Chas. W. Exton, Clinton, 4th Dist., N. J.  
Walter W. Elliott, Princeton, 7th Dist., Ill.  
Wm. C. Hepburn, (Alt.) Madrid, 23d Dist., N. Y.  
Robt. C. Davis, Lancaster, 10th Dist., Pa.  
Henry B. Herabey, (Alt.) Columbia, 10th Dist., Pa.  
Harry P. Wilbur, South Bethlehem, 8th Dist., Pa.  
E. D. Scott, De Witt, 4th Dist., Neb.  
L. L. Gregg, (Alt.) Osceola, 4th Dist., Neb.  
Chas. Temperley, Newton Upper Falls, 11th Dist., Mass.  
Geo. A. Skinner, (Alt.) Newton, 11th Dist., Mass.

##### NEW FORT BLISS.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: No doubt in the future, new Fort Bliss will be one of the finest posts in the south. The air is crisp and bracing and the supply of water is abundant and excellent. The officers' quarters form a line of superb edifices facing the orient and rising dawn, while the troops are comfortably housed in buildings of commanding and architectural beauty facing the West and setting sun. They are all elegantly finished and provided with every convenience appertaining to the life of a soldier.

##### LATE ARMY ORDERS.

A general Court-Martial is appointed to meet at Fort Ringgold, Texas, at 10 o'clock A. M. Details: Major A. S. B. Keyes, 1st Cav.; Capt. W. C. Forbush, 5th Cav.; Capt. W. B. Wheeler, 18th Inf.; Capt. E. P. Andrus, 5th Cav.; 1st Lieut. S. E. Adair, 5th Cav.; 1st Lieut. C. C. McCulloch, Jr., Asst. Surg.; 2d Lieut. S. P. Vestal, 5th Cav., Judge Advocate.

A general Court-Martial is appointed to meet at Fort Bliss, Texas (new Post), Dec. 4. Details: Capt. W. H. McLaughlin, Capt. R. F. Bates, Capt. C. B. Hinton, 1st Lieut. J. H. Duval, 2d Lieut. F. H. G. Evans, 2d Lieut. W. F. Grote, 2d Lieut. J. H. G. Laxelle, 1st Lieut. F. M. M. Beall, J. A., all of 18th Inf.

Leave of absence for one month, with permission to apply to the proper authority for an extension of one month, is granted Major P. D. Vroom, Inspector General.

Leaves have been granted as follows: Capt. Quinoy O. M. Gilmore, 8th Cav., extension three months on surgeons' certificate of disability; 2d Lieut. P. E. Pierce, 6th Inf., fifty days; to Maj. John Brooke, surgeon, until Feb. 22; 1st Lieut. John A. Johnson, 8th Cav., sixteen days.



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SEVERAL Thanksgiving menus have reached us from the Army, all indicating plentiful good cheer on Thanksgiving Day. Two of these, Co. D, 9th Infantry, Madison Barracks, and Battery B, 3d Artillery, Fort Monroe, will serve as samples: Co. D, 9th Inf.—Oyster soup, roast turkey, cranberry sauce; dressing, gravy; boiled ham, stewed corn, sweet potatoes, stewed peas, stewed tomatoes, bread, butter, celery, pickles, jelly cake, oranges, mince pie, coffee, Bartholomay Bohemian beer and cigars. Battery D, 3d Art.—Roast beef, roast fresh pork, turkey and gravy, ham, mashed potatoes, green peas, tomatoes, corn, celery, cranberry sauce, preserves, jelly and bread, oranges, bananas, apples and grapes, lobster salad, crackers and butter, mince pie, apple pie, pound cake, jelly cake and coffee.

We are glad to note from the *Globo*, of Barcelona, Spain, that the *fin de siècle* soldier has put in an appearance. He is a machine soldier made of iron and set going by clockwork. When wound up he can fire forty rounds a minute from a large magazine of ammunition which he carries in his fort interior, while if captured by the enemy he can be blown to pieces by electrically discharging a quantity of dynamite stored in his head. This kind of a warrior will come high, but doubtless the European monarchs will not begrudge their subjects money for such a life-saving and pension-saving machine. The Spanish Government, according to the *Globo*, has been offered a choice lot of 100 for the comparatively small sum of \$1,000,000. Whether the offer has been accepted the *Globo* does not state.

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**NO SURRENDER.**

"I shall fight it out on this line if it takes all summer."

It is, in our judgment, a very serious mistake to present to Congress a plea on behalf of the transformation of infantry regiments into artillery, such as that contained in the annual report of the Secretary of War. The argument that we need more artillery is unquestionably sound, but the argument that we need fewer infantry is not sound, and will in the end return to plague those who use it. We have made mistakes enough already with our little Army and we cannot afford to further multiply them, lest we find ourselves repeating the experience of the man who sought to train his horse to live without provender by withdrawing from his ration a straw each day. We are getting pretty near the last straw already. The best course for our military authorities is the uncompromising insistence upon the necessity for a military establishment; not that of cowardly concession to a hostile sentiment which means the destruction of the Army altogether. It was a mistake to skeletonize regiments; it was a further mistake to introduce into the Service the Indian soldier, and it will be a final and well-nigh fatal mistake to reduce the infantry. The records of Congress are loaded with reports by some of the ablest representatives of the military service, showing the minimum possibilities of a reasonable military establishment for time of peace. Not one of them ventured to suggest anything less than the force of all arms we now have. Unquestionably, something should be done for the artillery, but not at the expense of the infantry. As matters stand, it will be well if the whole weight of Army influence can be thrown in the direction of securing what the artillery need, and what the Major-General Commanding, who, as an old artilleryman has a soft side toward this arm of the Service, is rightly anxious they should have.

There is a growing sentiment of indifference or hostility toward a military establishment, resulting from the mistaken theory that any counter-jumper or clodhopper can be transformed at an hour's notice into a soldier. Nothing should be conceded to this sentiment. If it prove too strong for us we must submit, but let us die at our guns and not yield to cowardly fears. Let us hold stubbornly what ground we have until we find, if possible, some opening for an advance, and on this concentrate our whole line of battle. This would seem to be just now the increase of the artillery. Infantry, cavalry, artillery, staff, and line should unite their efforts to accomplish this, for this gain will be to the advantage of all and it will



open the way to further advances. One thing is essential, now and always, and that is unity of action. What Daniel Webster declared of the country is equally true of the Army and the Navy, and their motto should be his: "Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable." To furnish the enemy with the argument they are so eagerly looking for to prove that we have too many soldiers in our Army is treason to the Service.

REPORTS as to this year's test of the new Drill Regulations, rendered under G. O. 24 of 1893, are beginning to arrive at the Adjutant General's Office. When all are in some interesting statements of results may be expected.

QUESTIONS in connection with the sale of beer in post exchanges are now being considered by post commanders under instructions from the A. G. O., and will form the subject of detailed reports. There is a supposition on the part of many that the sale of beer is made the prominent feature in the exchange. This is not the case generally.

THE question of assigning Army officers to military schools of the country under the law passed by the last session of Congress increasing the number allowed by law from seventy-five to one hundred will soon be considered by the Secretary of War. One officer, Captain Davis, has already been assigned, thus leaving twenty-four more appointments to be made. The Secretary has decided upon the name of another officer for a college detail and will soon announce his name. Applications continue to come into the Department from schools all over the country where military tactics are a part of the curriculum, requesting a detail of an officer as instructor. Fully seventy-five of these applications are now on file, but they will not be considered as a whole by the Secretary but individually. The assignments will thus be made one or two at a time and not in large details. It is said that the States will be allowed details on the same basis under which the original number were distributed. Some States will in this way secure two officers in addition to those now on service as military instructors.

THE official reception for this season to the Army, Navy and Marine Corps at the Executive Mansion, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 3, 1894.

ENGLAND'S sailor Prince is no longer known as the Duke of Edinburgh, but as Duke Alfred of Coburg. He retains his place on the British Navy list, but is debarred from pay or service lest in the event of war between England and Germany he might, like Desdemona, be distracted by a divided duty.

THE attendance at some of the leading International Exhibitions as compared with that of Chicago is: Paris, 1855, 5,162,000; London, 1862, 6,250,000; Paris, 1867, 10,200,000; Philadelphia, 1876, 9,911,000; Paris, 1876, over 16,000,000; Paris, 1889, 28,149,353, and Chicago, 1893, 27,529,400. But the number of concessions was few in the case of Chicago, so that the money actually paid for admission was probably three times greater than that of Paris.

If England had been more tolerant of reformers we should have had no Mayflower, and no United States. She has just disciplined one of them, a quartermaster in the Irish R. fls, who is credited with a reform in the soldiers' food by which the Government saved \$1,150,000 a year. While at work upon it the clerks to whom he entrusted his accounts muddled them so that he was court-martialled for embezzlement. Of this he was acquitted but found guilty of a minor offence. So mote it ever be with pestilent reformers—at least in good old England.

SECRETARY LAMONT filled this week the only present vacancy among the military attaches abroad by appointing Capt. A. H. Dorst, 4th Cavalry, to succeed Capt. Otto L. Hein, who has been stationed at the Legation at Vienna for three years. Capt. Hein will return home upon the reporting of his relief and will join his regiment. Capt. Dorst will not sail for his post for several days. The appointment of Capt. Dorst leaves no other vacancies for the Secretary. The vacancy at London, caused by the relief of Major Post, has been filled. Capt. Dorst is well qualified for the duties of military attaché and will be a most useful addition to the American Legation.

A HANDY publication recently issued from the A. G. O. is a list showing the names and residences of officers of the U. S. Army in the District of Columbia on Dec. 1, 1893. The members of each officer's family are also given.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES BRADEN, U. S. Army, retired, of West Point, has prepared a handy little "Condensed History of the United States" to aid candidates in preparing for entrance to the U. S. Military Academy. As Lieutenant Braden says in his preface, "The arrangement is such as easily to aid the memory in fixing the principal events in a manner readily learned and remembered."

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL D. W. BENHAM, 7th U. S. Infantry, in a recent interesting report of small arms practice in the Department of the Platte during the season of 1893, says: "The pasters supplied by the Ordnance Department this year were worthless. They had practically no paste on the back; every paster used this season had to be covered with mucilage before it would adhere to the targets." And, with reference to Indian soldiers taking part in the rifle competitions, he thinks they should no longer be debarred, and says: "The status of the Indian soldier is exactly that of any other soldier, white or colored; his arms, clothing, pay and duties are the same as other soldiers. Being subject to the same exactions of duty, why should he not be given not some, but all, the privileges pertaining to the enlisted man?"

SECRETARY LAMONT has received from the Attorney General an official opinion on the question whether Major Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, U. S. A., a member of Congress from the State of New York, could be borne on the rolls and draw pay as a retired Army officer and as a member of Congress of the U. S. at one and the same time. The Attorney General quotes an opinion of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York to the effect that he can. He also quotes an opinion of the United States Supreme Court in the Adam Badeau case, where Gen. Badeau, as a retired Army officer, and also Consul General to China, drew the salary of both positions without violation of the statutes. The case of Gen. Rosecrans, who occupied the position of Register of the Treasury, and at the same time was a major general on the retired list of the United States Army, and drew the salary attached to both positions, is also mentioned as a case in point. Without expressing any opinion on the subject, the Attorney General contents himself with bringing the cases mentioned to the attention of the Secretary of War, and leaves the Sickles case where it has been—undecided and undetermined.

#### RECENT DEATHS.

CHAPLAIN JOHN WOART, U. S. Army, retired, who died Nov. 24, 1893, at San Francisco, served during the latter portion of the War of the Rebellion as a hospital chaplain and was appointed chaplain in the Regular establishment in June, 1866. He was retired from active service in June, 1882, and has lived for some time past on the Pacific Coast.

MAJOR CHARLES JOHN DICKEY, U. S. A., retired, who died Nov. 27, of apoplexy, at his home at Beaver Falls, Pa., was appointed from his native State, Pennsylvania, a 1st lieutenant of the 13th U. S. Infantry in May, 1861, and served with great credit during the war, attaining the grade of captain in 1864. For his gallantry at Vicksburg during the Atlanta campaign and at Jonesboro' he received the brevets of captain and major. In 1866 he was transferred to the 31st Infantry, to the 2d Infantry in 1869, promoted major, 8th Infantry, in January, 1883, and retired in December of the same year on account of disability incurred in the line of duty. He was born at Bridgewater, Pa., Nov. 1, 1839.

MRS. RIDDLE, an aunt of the widow of General Romeyn B. Ayres, U. S. A., died recently at Wilmington, Del.

MAJOR GENERAL ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM, a distinguished officer of the British Army died Nov. 28, at London, Eng.

MRS. A. LENTHILON, a venerable lady of 92, who died at Newport, R. I., Nov. 22, was the grandmother of the wife of Comdr. Charles H. Stockton, U. S. N.

COLONEL NOOVA, a Paymaster in the Mexican War Department, City of Mexico, committed suicide Dec. 6, the alleged reason being that he was a defaulter in the sum of \$25,000.

THE New York Commandery Loyal Legion in an obituary notice of the late Rear Admiral Melancton Smith, U. S. Navy, recount his distinguished services while on the active list and say, "For twenty-one years our companion enjoyed on the retired list the rest from active duties that he had so well earned, beloved by all those who knew him as an unostentatious hero, who had served his country well. His kindly nature and sterling qualities drew his brother officers naturally to him, and they the more highly esteemed him for his modest seclusion of self."

#### ANNAPOLIS AND WEST POINT.

Story of the victory told by our Naval correspondent.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 2, 1893.

AGAIN the Navy wins. In the best contested game of football ever played on the Academy grounds the naval cadets triumphed over the West Pointers by a score of six to four.

When the Army team came running on to the field at 2 P. M. on Saturday, the hearts of the Navy supporters fell. It took but a few minutes, however, to undeceive even those least acquainted with the game. West Point won the toss and chose the ball, the Navy men taking the eastern goal.

West Point started the game with a flying wedge, but made only six yards. The backs were sent around the ends, but only to be downed in their tracks. Annapolis gets the ball on a fumble.

The Navy makes two on a man's play, Kimball carrying the ball. Reeves fails to gain, and Davidson drops the ball, but Reeves falls on it. The ball is passed to Bagley, who punts it forty yards. Carson catches the ball, only to be downed in his tracks by Reeves.

Carson makes twelve through the centre, Bookwalter is hurt in the scrimmage, and the blanket brigade rushes out to wrap up the players, who stalk about like so many Indians, while the doctors soon bring Bookwalter around.

A flying wedge gains the Army five yards. Stacey bucks the centre for four and then for two yards. Altman tries to work McCauley's end, but is downed like a log. Altman carries the ball, while the revolving wedge gains the Army three. Stacey makes two around McCauley. Lott gains a yard between guard and tackle. Bookwalter gets the ball on a fumble.

Davidson and Kimball make but small gains, and the ball is again passed to Bagley, who makes a magnificent punt of 50 yards, every inch of which is clear gain, as Reeves has broken through the Army line and downed Carson the moment the latter catches the ball. The ball is now in West Point's territory. The corps of naval cadets on the south side yell like fiends. Shelton makes five, and the flying wedge adds three more. Reeves now gets the ball on a fumble.

Kimball makes eight for the Navy. Bagley gains four through the centre. The ball now goes to the Army, after the futile efforts of the Annapolis men to break the line. Unable to advance the ball otherwise, Carson is given a chance to punt, and makes a splendid kick for thirty-five yards. After two fruitless attempts to break through the Army line, Bagley makes a pretty punt for thirty-five yards, and the ever-reliable Reeves gets through to make it a certain gain.

Before yielding the ball for an offside play, the Army men make several substantial gains, the double pass being worked by Stacey for five around the left end. Davidson plunges through Lott for three, then Army gets ball on a fumble. Stacey, aided by interference, gains around the ends. Lott's three are followed by twenty, gained by the Army wedge. Stacey loses two on a double pass, being downed by McCauley. A fake punt, and the Navy is given the ball on downs. Bagley punts 40 yards, after vain efforts to break the line. Shelton makes twelve around right end. Behind fine interference, Shelton makes a superb run of twenty yards, but is tackled by the giant Karns, who downs him most neatly.

Now the see-saw begins, and Bagley's fine punting saves the Navy again and again. Once the ball is within twelve yards of the Navy goal, but advance it an inch the West Pointers cannot, and the Navy gets the ball on four downs. Bagley dives into the hole made by Reeves and Karns. Then the Navy kicks, and the ball goes up the field for twenty-five yards. Back to the Navy goes the ball, after four efforts to advance it by the Army. Bookwalter makes a kick to the side of the field, running forward to put his men on side, but Carson gets the ball which goes out of bounds.

Shelton makes another great run, being finally tackled by Bagley, after having dodged Davidson. After a gain by Lott, Navy gets the ball. Bagley kicks. Army tries wedge, brings the ball to about the centre of the field when time is called.

#### THE SECOND HALF.

The second half began with the middles in possession of the ball. The flying wedge was first tried, but offside play by over-anxious West Pointers gives Navy ten yards. Davidson hits the line twice in succession, four, ten, then two. Kimball tries in vain. Davidson again makes four. Karns makes a brilliant run for ten. West Point now plays with desperation—their goal is threatened. Bagley tries the centre, but fails. Army gets the ball on downs.

Stacey runs around Dennett for four. Shelton fumbles, and Navy gets the ball on West Point's ten yard line. The Navy now tries some new tactics, all except the three centre men being played behind the line. Davidson in the centre of the entire Navy team, is pushed successfully against the Army line, and this is repeated until the ball is on the Army's five yard line. Even the mass of middles on the south side of the field are too excited to yell. Annapolis is absolutely unable to advance the ball, which goes to the visitors on downs. The ball was given to Stacey, but even he was unable to help the Army away from the dangerously near goal. West Point loses the ball on a fumble, and by that fumble probably loses the game.

Kimball goes through Altman, then Davidson crashes through Lott. Bagley tries the centre successfully, and finally, with but one yard to gain, the Navy sends Kimball over the line for a touchdown.

The Navy "rooters" went crazy, and when Bagley kicked a most difficult goal cleanly and squarely, the same scene was re-enacted.

On the line up, Army makes ten on a modification of the Harvard flying wedge, Carson carrying the ball. Shelton makes three. Army yields the ball after four downs. Bagley's kicking now does for the Navy what they have been unable to do, advances the ball thirty-five yards. Stacey catches ball. Lott and Battle make good gains for Army. Creden runs ten yards, thanks to perfect interference. Shelton makes two gains through Moody and Morris, being greatly aided by good interference.

Army makes another fumble, and Navy passes ball to Bagley, who adds a magnificent punt of fifty yards to his star plays. Carson catches, only to be



downed by Reeves, who invariably breaks through the Army line for the purpose.

Lott makes 15 around McCauley. Stacey makes five. Navy gets ball for offside play. Bagley punts for forty. Reeves downs Carson as the latter catches. Creden makes good run for six. No gain on second down. Shelton runs around Dennett for three. Stacey makes four in two efforts. Carson dives through centre for ten. By mass plays the Army continues to shove the ball along. Now they are within ten yards of the Navy's goal. Twice the Navy holds her line invincible. The Army now tries her star team play. A V is formed with Carson in the centre. The middles block it, as they suppose, by the usual method. The wide end opens and Carson, with four interferers, easily wades to a touchdown over the prostrate middles.

The Army takes advantage of its opportunity to yell, while the corps of naval cadets chant in monotonous derision, "None but the Navy play football."

It seemed incredible that Carson could fail to kick the goal, but the ball slipped just as he gave the signal, and the leather passed underneath the bars of the Navy's goal post. The Navy cohorts yell like madmen, for with only seven minutes more to play the game seems theirs.

So it proved, for the ball rested almost on the middle of the field when time was called. The middies made fifteen on a V. West Point gets the ball on a fumble. On two downs they gain a few yards, when time is called.

The teams lined up as follows:

ANNAPOLIS.			
Class.	Age.	Height.	Weight.
'96 McCauley, left end.	18	5.08	153
'96 Moody, left tackle.	18	5.08	164
'97 Morris, left guard.	17	6.02	171
'96 Kavanagh, centre (captain).	22	6.00	185
'96 Kears, right guard.	19	6.02	170
'96 Reeves, right tackle.	20	6.01	164
'95 Dennett, right end.	21	5.09	165
'96 Bockwalter, quarter back.	20	5.04	144
'95 Davidson, left half back.	21	5.04	145
'96 Kimball, right half back.	17	5.09	166
'96 Bagley, left half back.	21	5.08	158
Average.	19.3	5.08½	161

WEST POINT.			
Class.	Age.	Height.	Weight.
'96 Nolan, left end.	21	5.10	161
'96 Lott, left tackle.	22	5.09	170
'96 Battie, left guard.	21	6.02	194
'96 Ames, T. L., centre.	24	5.10	190
'96 Smith, F. W., right guard.	23	5.10	170
'96 Aultman, right tackle.	21	5.10	174
'96 Harbeson, right end.	22	5.08	155
'95 Creden, quarter back.	21	5.07	150
'96 Shelton, left half back.	22	5.06	155
'96 Stacey, right half back.	23	5.06	150
'96 Carson, full back (captain).	22	5.10	158
Average.	22	5.07¾	166

Umpire, Mr. Irvine, of Princeton; referee, Mr. McCormick, of Yale. Score—Annapolis, 6; West Point, 4. Touch downs, Kimball and Carson. Goals kicked, Bagley. Time of game, two 45 minute halves.

\* It will be observed that the figures of weights do not agree with those given by our West Point correspondent last week, the total being nine pounds less.

Our West Point correspondent writes as follows: "Shortly before seven o'clock on Saturday evening the result of the West Point-Annapolis football game, which had been eagerly awaited throughout the afternoon, was received in a telegram announcing the final score as 6 to 4 in favor of the Naval Academy team. This result was a bitter disappointment to all friends of the home team. 'To the victor belongs the spoils,' therefore, an account of how the game was won will come with better grace from Annapolis than can any attempt from West Point to solve the problem as to why the game was lost, when many circumstances contributed to render a different result not only possible but probable. Preparations for a cadet hop in Grant Hall, which had been begun earlier in the week, were continued, and the dance took place on Saturday evening. Between twenty-five and thirty couples participated, and succeeded in whiling away the hours from eight o'clock until ten, and in banishing to a greater or less degree the effect of the dismal news received a few hours before. Rumors that this game will put a stop to football here seems somewhat premature. This will not be the case if the wishes of cadets are consulted in the matter. The efforts of Mr. Bliss are heartily appreciated, and his services will be in demand should the game be played again next season. Through mud, and slush and snow, and falling rain, the entire corps of cadets marched to the West Shore Station on Sunday evening and greeted the returning eleven upon their arrival with cheers, which seemed to render brighter the somewhat disheartening home-coming."

#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

In his annual message, transmitted to Congress on Monday last, President Cleveland presents us with the usual review of foreign and domestic affairs. Speaking of Brazil he says: "Emphasizing our fixed policy of impartial neutrality in such a condition of affairs as now exists, I deemed it necessary to disavow, in a manner not to be misunderstood, the unauthorized action of our late naval commander in these waters in saluting the revolted Brazilian admiral, being indisposed to countenance an act calculated to give gratuitous sanction to the local insurrection."

Of the Nicaragua Canal he says: "The United States are especially interested in the successful achievement of the vast undertaking this company has in charge. That it should be accomplished under distinctively American auspices, and its enjoyment assured not only to the vessels of this country as a channel of communication between our Atlantic and Pacific seaboard, but to the ships of the world in the interests of civilization, is a proposition which, in my judgment, does not admit of question."

Our departure in the case of Samoa from the policy "consecrated by a century of observance" is condemned and we are told that the results "signally illustrate the impolicy of entangling alliances with foreign powers." Reviewing his action in the case of Hawaii he says that: "After a thorough and exhaustive examination Mr. Blount submitted to me his report, showing beyond all question that the constitutional Government of Hawaii had been

subverted with the active aid of our representative to that Government, and through the intimidation caused by the presence of an armed naval force of the United States which was landed for that purpose at the instance of our Minister. Upon the facts developed it seemed to me the only honorable course for our Government to pursue was to undo the wrong that had been done by those representing us and to restore as far as practicable the status existing at the time of our forcible intervention. With a view of accomplishing the result within the constitutional limits of executive power, and recognizing all our obligations and responsibilities growing out of any changed conditions brought about by our unjustifiable interference, our present Minister at Honolulu has received appropriate instructions to that end. Thus far no information of the accomplishment of any definite results has been received from him."

We are not told what the instructions referred to were, but further information is promised in a later message, and the Senate has passed a resolution calling for the papers.

In response to our overtures for the settlement of international disputes by arbitration: "A favorable response has been received from Great Britain in the shape of a resolution adopted by Parliament, July 16 last, cordially sympathizing with the purpose in view, and expressing the hope that Her Majesty's Government will lead ready co-operation to the Government of the United States upon the basis of the concurrent resolution above quoted."

It affords me signal pleasure, says the President, "to lay this parliamentary resolution before the Congress and to express my sincere gratification that the sentiment of two great and kindred nations is thus authoritatively manifested in favor of the rational and peaceable settlement of international quarrels by honorable resort to arbitration."

#### THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Under the headings of the Army and the Navy we have a synopsis of the facts contained in the reports of the Army and Navy, already published, the President says:

"The operation of wise laws and the influence of civilization constantly tending to relieve the country from the dangers of Indian hostilities, together with the increasing ability of the States, through the efficiency of the National Guard organizations, to protect their citizens from domestic violence, lead to the suggestion that the time is fast approaching when there should be a reorganization of our Army on the lines of the present necessities of the country. This change contemplates neither increase in number nor added expense, but a redistribution of the force and an encouragement of measures tending to greater efficiency among the men and improvement of the Service."

"The adoption of battalion formations for infantry regiments, the strengthening of the artillery force, the abandonment of smaller and unnecessary posts, and the massing of the troops at important and accessible stations, all promise to promote the usefulness of the Army. In the judgment of Army officers, with but few exceptions, the operation of the law forbidding the re-enlistment of men after ten years' service has not proved its wisdom, and while the arguments that led to its adoption were not without merit the experience of the year constrains me to join in the recommendation for its repeal."

"The reports of the Military Academy at West Point and the several schools for special instruction of officers show marked advance in the education of the Army and a commendable ambition among its officers to excel in the military profession and to fit themselves for the highest service to the country."

"Under the supervision of Adjutant-Gen. Robert Williams, lately retired, the Bureau of Military Information has become well established and is performing a service that will put in possession of the Government in time of war most valuable information, and at all times serve a purpose of great utility in keeping the Army advised of the world's progress in all matters pertaining to the art of war."

Progress in the construction of new vessels for the Navy has not been as rapid as was anticipated, but as the result of the experience acquired by ship builders and designers with material, it is believed that the dates when vessels will be completed can now be estimated with reasonable accuracy. The President says:

"While I am distinctly in favor of consistently pursuing the policy we have inaugurated of building up a thorough and efficient Navy, I cannot refrain from the suggestion that the Congress should carefully take into account the number of unfinished vessels on our hands and the depleted condition of our Treasury in considering the propriety of an appropriation at this time to begin new work."

"The method of employing mechanical labor at Navy-yards through boards of labor, and making efficiency the sole test by which laborers are employed and continued, is producing the best results, and the Secretary is earnestly devoting himself to its development. Attention is invited to the statements of this report in regard to the workings of the system."

Our Indians now number about 248,000, and 110,000 of these have in a large degree adopted civilized customs. Most of them are on 161 reservations containing 86,116,531 acres of land.

"The solution of the Indian problem depends very largely upon good administration. The personal fitness of agents and their adaptability to the peculiar duty of caring for their wards is of the utmost importance. The law providing that except in special cases, Army officers shall be detailed as Indian agents, it is hoped, will prove a successful experiment."

The attention of the Congress is especially commended to the statements contained in the Secretary of the Interior's report concerning forestry. "The time has come when efficient measures should be taken for the preservation of our forests from indiscriminate and remediless destruction."

A DESPATCH from San Francisco says: Mrs. Fryer, better known as "Pauline Cushman," the noted female scout of the rebellion, died from the effects of a dose of morphine, which she took some time during the night of Dec. 2, but whether accidentally or with suicidal attempt has not been determined. She was buried with military honors.

#### FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

The prospects of legislation for the Army and the Navy at the present session of Congress are not as favorable as the friends of the services would like to have them. The cash is low in the Treasury, and word has gone out that the most rigid economy must be practiced in all departments of the Government. It is, therefore, probable that any legislation in any way increasing the expenses of the Government will have a hard time in getting through Congress. Chairman Sayers, of the Committee on Appropriations, who has much to do with all measures making appropriations of money even when they are bills that originate in other committees has taken the ground that ample appropriations will be made to carry on work now in progress and complete existing contracts, but he will oppose all new projects of expenditure unless they can be shown to be of the utmost importance to the Government. The most important legislation that will probably be passed for the Army will be the bill repealing the ten years service clause which has met with so much criticism in the Army. The Military Committee in both Houses are in favor of the passage of this bill, and it is believed it will meet with little opposition and will go through at a comparatively early date. Whether any other legislation will be enacted affecting the personnel of the Army is extremely doubtful. The advocates of the policy of pushing work on coast defenses and their armament will endeavor to secure as large appropriations as possible for continuing work on fortifications and upon the necessary guns and mortars to make them effective, and while enough will doubtless be appropriated to keep the work going on these important directions the amounts voted will not likely be as large as could be wished by those who appreciate the urgent necessity for rapid work on coast defenses if the country is to be put in a reasonable degree of preparation to resist attack by sea.

The Navy will hardly fare better than the Army at the hands of Congress. Secretary Herbert is an ardent believer in battle ships, and he thinks the proper policy of the U. S. for the present ought to be to start the construction of about one battle ship every year until enough have been completed to put the country on a good defensive basis. He is ably seconded by the Naval Committee in both Houses, and an earnest effort will be made to carry out his recommendations for the construction of one battle ship and a number of torpedo boats. Chairman Cummings will provide for them in the bill his committee will report to the House, but there is considerable fear that the House may not support the committee in this. The difficulty in carrying through any appropriation for new ships is made much greater by the attitude assumed by the President on this subject in his message to Congress. It is the hope of the advocates of the new ships, however, that the Senate may add the necessary provision to the bill and that the Conference Committee may agree to the amendment. The Naval Committee are very anxious to do something to relieve the present stagnation in promotion in the Navy and bring about a reorganization of the personnel of that Service that would be just and satisfactory to the officers and would insure the most efficient service for the country. With this end in view Mr. Meyer, of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, called up on Wednesday morning his concurrent resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee consisting of three members of the Senate and three members of the House of Representatives to take under consideration the entire subject of rank and pay in the Navy and report a bill to Congress embodying their conclusions. The resolution met with the objection of Mr. Kilgore, of Texas, and though there were but nine votes in opposition to it his point that no quorum had voted sent it over until the second morning hour on Thursday when, for the second time, there was not a quorum present and it went over until Friday.

The House Committee on Naval Affairs met on Tuesday and had a general discussion of the business of the session relating to the Navy. Chairman Cummings urged upon the various sub-committees the necessity of reporting as promptly as possible upon the various matters assigned to them. The committee authorized Mr. Meyer, of Louisiana, to call up in the House as soon as possible the resolution providing for the appointment of a joint congressional committee to investigate and report upon the subject of rank and pay in the Navy.

The Senate on Tuesday passed the joint resolution permitting Col. Anson Mills, 31 Cav., to accept without additional pay or emoluments, the office of commissioner under the convention between the United States and Mexico, providing for the determination of the disputed boundary between the two countries.

#### BILLS INTRODUCED.

S. 1172, Peffer. That no spirituous, vinous, malt, or other intoxicating liquors, nor any fluid mixture of any character or description which produces intoxication, shall be sold on the grounds or within the boundaries of any U. S. military post or military reservation or national soldiers' home, except for medical purposes on the prescription of a post surgeon, or for mechanical or scientific purposes on the order of the officer in command of the post or in charge of the reservation or home.

Sec. 2. That any willful violation of the provisions of this act is hereby declared to be a felony, and shall be prosecuted and punished as other felonies.

Sec. 3. That this act shall take effect on July 1 next after its passage.

COLONEL CHARLES C. BYRNE, Asst. Surg.-Gen. U. S. A., lately promoted to that grade by the retirement of Col. Charles Page, is an officer of large experience, having a record of service dating from June, 1860, when he was appointed an assistant surgeon from his native state, Maryland. During the war he rendered valuable and important service. He is at present on duty as Medical Director of the Department of Dakota, with station at St. Paul.

COLONEL O. H. ERNST, Prof. P. S. Michie, Lieut. Col. Mills and Capt. L. A. Craig, 6th Cav., Executive Committee with Prof. E. W. Bass, Treasurer, and Lieut. Chas. Braden, Secretary, of the Association of Graduates of the U. S. Military Academy, have issued a stirring circular to all graduates calling attention to the money left by Gen. Cullum for a Memorial Hall, and urging that "every living graduate should be a participant in these munificent gifts."



## DECISION BY THE SECOND COMPTROLLER

**SECOND COMPTROLLER MANSUR**, of the Treasury Department, has passed with reluctance bills aggregating \$391, incurred by Rear Admiral Bancroft Gherardi, U. S. N., in returning courtesies shown him by the republics of South America in December, 1892, and January, 1893. While the Admiral was on his way up the coast of South America the United States fleet was entertained at Montevideo, Rio de Janeiro and other points, and Rear Admiral Gherardi in the name of the U. S., returned the courtesies extended him by giving entertainments to foreign naval officers aboard his flagship. His accounts were sent to the Navy Department and paid by the Paymaster General of the Navy, upon the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, out of "contingent funds" of the Navy Department. In the course of business the accounts were forwarded to the Treasury Department for final settlement.

Comptroller Mansur, in an exhaustive opinion, holds that the contingent fund of the Navy Department is not strictly usable for such purposes as entertaining Naval officials of foreign governments, but was intended for purposes appertaining to repairs of Naval vessels. Naval officers, Comptroller Mansur holds, should not be personally taxed for returning courtesies shown them by a foreign government as representatives of the United States, but a fund for such purposes should be provided by Congress. In the present instance, he says, he will pass the account, but hopes that in the future the Secretary of the Navy will see his way clear to provide for such accounts out of some other fund than the contingent fund of the Navy; or, if he cannot, the responsibility for paying such accounts must rest with the Navy Department and not with the Second Comptroller of the Treasury Department.

## FOREIGN ITEMS.

The revolution in Chihuahua is reported to be making progress, and the revolutionists are reported to have 10,000 men at their command. Regular troops are being moved as rapidly as possible to Northern Mexico.

The English people have followed the enactment of the recent laws destined to check the use of revolvers, by developing a perfect mania for revolver shooting, and numerous clubs have been formed all over the United Kingdom for the practice and pursuit of this branch of sport.

France has a society known as "Le Souvenir Français," which takes care of the last resting place of soldiers and sailors who have died for France. A solemn memorial service was held in the Madeleine in June last under its auspices. It is proposed to organize a similar society in England. We already have one in this country in the Grand Army of the Republic.

## MR. BAILEY OF TEXAS.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

MR. BAILEY, of Texas, proposes to ask that the pay of retired officers be taken away, and he places this request on the ground that the enlisted men are not thus provided for when they become disabled or worn out in the Service. Now this, as everyone knows who knows anything about the Army, is a mistake. Enlisted men who become disabled in the Service are pensioned, and enlisted men who have served thirty years are retired. But suppose this were not the case, would not the proper remedy be rather to make provision for the retirement of enlisted men than to take away the means of living of those officers who have served their country until they are no longer able to do anything?

It is, I think, an indisputable principle that whatever increases the desirability of any profession increases the standard of men who enter that profession. Good men will not strive to enter an undesirable profession. The position of an officer of the Army has been made such in the United States that the very best boys in our land are the ones who try to get appointments to West Point. The best of these succeed, and the best of those who succeed are graduated and form the greater part of our Army officers. As the gentleman from Texas remarked officers do not as a rule accumulate wealth, their pay is not enough for that; but they know that if disabled in service, or if they live after they are too old to be of service they will be cared for by a grateful country. This must certainly be a great inducement for young men to try to become officers of the Army, and this inducement taken away would cause some, at least, of the best ones to choose some other profession, and would thus lower one point in the standard of proficiency of our Army officers.

A few strokes of false economy, such as this bill would be if passed, would decrease the expenditures of the United States by a few thousand dollars, and would put our Army in a condition to get unsoundly thrashed by the first one-horse foreign power that should take a notion to fight us. It is to be sincerely hoped that other Congressmen will think of this subject even more than the gentleman from Texas has done. **YOUNG LINE OFFICER WHOSE RETIREMENT IS NOT DUE FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS.**

## ECONOMY.

WOOL—Hicks promised to give his wife 10 cents for every 10 he spends for cigars.

YAO PU—How does it work?

WOOL—First rate; whenever we meet he buys me a drink and I buy him a cigar.—*Truth.*

THE importance of correct spelling is illustrated by a story told by an Australian paper. A Scandinavian named Ole Baumgartz, who is established in Australia as a schoolmaster, was astonished and outraged one day by the receipt of the following missive:

"Old Boom guts, is queer.  
"Cur, ass, you ar a man of no logs, i wish to inter my bowie in your skull!"

A conference was held, and the writer, a newcomer, was visited by a body of inhabitants and asked indignantly to read his letter aloud, and say what he meant by it. He read:

"Ole Baumgartz, Esq.  
"Sir: As you are a man of knowledge, I wish to enter my boy in your school."

## U. S. REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE.

The revenue cutter Alert returned Nov. 23 to Elizabeth City, N. C., from the life saving stations on the coast.

The Treasury Department is to return to the old system of educating its own cadets for appointments as 3d lieutenants in the Cutter Service. There are now 12 vacancies in this grade and they will be filled by competitive examinations held Dec. 18, after which the cadets chosen are to be assigned to the bark Chase at New Bedford, where they will pursue a course of studies to fit them for the revenue service. The examinations are to be much more severe than under the old rule, the object of the Department being to secure well educated young men, so that the two years on the Chase can be devoted almost entirely to practical work in seamanship, ordnance and navigation. For the past three years all appointments made to the Service have been from the surplus graduates of the Naval Academy, but it having become apparent that in future there will be few or no graduates who will not find places in some branch of the Navy, the Department is compelled to return to the former system of instructing its own cadets before appointing them in the lower grade.

The Corwin sailed from San Francisco Dec. 4, for Honolulu, carrying special despatches to the American Minister at Honolulu. The excitement concerning our relations with Hawaii attracted unusual attention to her movements.

There seems to be some discontent in the Revenue Cutter Service with the result of the trial of Capt. Mitchell, and we have received an anonymous communication reflecting upon it. Concerning the sentence, our correspondent says: "Reduced eighteen numbers in his present grade, does not amount to a row of pins, he is a captain just the same, and can get no higher. 'Waiting orders for one year,' is rubbing it in, and means a leave of absence for one year with three-quarters pay, something that officers of the Service with honorable records of twenty years cannot get, nor is he expected to ask for it, as it is a thing unheard of in the Revenue Cutter Service; he is indeed fortunate if he gets his thirty days extended to fifteen more. The service is short of officers, very few vessels have a full complement, 'winter cruising orders' will be issued on Dec. 1, and in the face of all, a Captain who has disgraced, not only himself, but the Service as well, is given a leave of absence for one year with pay."

The United States Revenue Cutter Corwin sailed Dec. 5 from San Francisco, Cal. Her destination was not made known, but it is believed that she carries important despatches to Minister Willis in Honolulu.

The Revenue Cutter Grant sailed Dec. 6 from New York for the Windward Islands. It is expected that she will reach Barbadoes inside of ten days.

The daily papers report that the Grant was detained by Secretary Gherardi, until he could dispose of the case of Lieut. G. L. Carden, who had been ordered to her. After being ordered to her Lieut. Carden brought such strong influence to bear on Secretary Gherardi to have his orders revoked that the Secretary temporarily suspended the order and took the case over to the Cabinet meeting on Friday last. The result was the issuing of positive orders to Lieut. Carden to report for duty for the ship. Lieut. Carden has been for some time attached to the staff of the New York Times.

THE Navy Department has decided that no attempt will be made to dock the New York until after her trial, beginning next Monday, preliminary to final acceptance. There seems to be much difference as to the advisability of taking a risk, which many officers admit is great, that would follow in docking a vessel of her size, and particularly where there is not over much water even at high tide between her bottom and the dock blocks. Admiral Gherardi was at the Navy Department ten days ago and intimated that the ship could not be docked. Commo. Farquhar, chief of the Bureau which has in charge all docks thinks that the cruiser can be safely placed in dock if she is not drawing over 25 feet. It is said here that the New York draws nearer 26 feet aft, and that this will not be decreased appreciably after she has exhausted a part of her coal. The New York has not been in the water over six months, and her bottom is said to require attention. It is probable, therefore, that upon her return from her trial she will be placed in dock if there is every reason to believe the work can be accomplished without the slightest risk of injury to the vessel. Should there be an accident of any kind, however, officers here say it would be necessarily of a serious nature.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR RICHARD C. DEAN, U. S. N., who was detailed six months ago by Surgeon General Tryon to make a thorough investigation of the field hospital service of the leading European Powers, was a passenger on the North German Lloyd steamship Fulda, which arrived at New York Dec. 5. Dr. Dean was interviewed upon his arrival by a Herald reporter, to whom he said: "I have visited during my absence from the United States all the great naval and military powers of Europe for the purpose of ascertaining what has been done in the matter of an efficient field hospital service. I found that almost nothing had been done and that in reality every attempt which had been made to solve this vexed problem had fallen far short, so far as an advance over existing and clumsy methods was concerned. As far as ships of war are concerned nothing whatever in the line of improvement has been done. The old and clumsy devices, such as the half barrel or basket for slinging wounded down the hatchways, are still in vogue. It does not seem to have entered into the consciousness of naval commanders that radical reforms are needed in these matters. It is a surprising fact that England is more behind in the matter of improved devices for first aid to those wounded on the field of battle than any of the European powers. Great Britain has the same primitive apparatus and clumsy methods of exercising it to-day that she employed twenty years ago. Almost the same criticism applies to France. The Director of Health of that Republic has not been able, thus far, to get his government to do anything to advance this important detail of the science of warfare."

NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR D. W. TAYLOR, U. S. N., of the Mare Island Navy-yard, has in contemplation several improvements in that yard, looking to an increased facility in the fabrication and working of machinery in the shops. A crying need for many years at that station has been the placing of the shops within easier reach of the docks and wharves. As at present arranged the steam engineering work shops are as far from the dry dock and wharf line as the limits of the Government Reservation will permit, in that direction, and the problem has received consideration from nearly every officer who has served at the yard for many years. Constructor Taylor's plans have not yet advanced sufficiently to admit of presentation to the Secretary of the Navy, but in due course of business they will be submitted to the Navy Department for consideration and amendment.

## THE STATE TROOPS.

## DISBANDMENTS IN THE 5TH AND 69TH N. Y.

THE Commander-in-Chief of New York, after a conference with Adjutant General Porter, Inspector General McGrath and General Fitzgerald, has directed a sweeping change to be made in the 5th and 69th Regiments. The former will in future be known as the 8th Battalion and the latter as the 69th Battalion. In the 69th Regiment Cos. B, E, F, G and H have been disbanded and Cos. A, C, D, I and K will comprise the new 69th Battalion, with Major Duffy in command. The field and staff officers of the regiment have, with the exception of Major Duffy, been rendered supernumerary, and the enlisted men of the disbanded companies and the non-commissioned staff honorably discharged. The 8th Regiment will in future be known as the 8th Battalion and will consist of Cos. B, F, D and C, in command of Major Henry Chauncey, Jr. The companies disbanded are G, I, E and H. The field and staff officers, with the exception of Major Chauncey, are placed on the supernumerary list, and the non-com. staff and enlisted men of disbanded companies are honorably discharged. The vigorous measures taken are to be commended and should result in a decided reform in both organizations if there is any possibility of such, and we feel sure there is. Under Major Chauncey the 8th Battalion should use every endeavor to improve, and under Major Duffy the 69th Battalion should do likewise. The action in this case shows that the day has gone by in New York at least, when politics can keep in the military organization any worthless command. The action of Capt. Coleman, of the 69th, in rushing into print and appealing to the public to come and witness a drill at the armory to offset statements made by the Inspector-General in reference to the bad condition of the company, was in very bad taste.

A review of the company rolls shows a very demoralized state of affairs. The companies may be classed as follows:

Very good—Company I.

Good—Company K.

Fair—D, G and H.

Poor—A.

Very Poor—B, C, E and F.

Generally speaking, the condition of State property is bad, and there is much shortage. The general reports a lack of military discipline and says: "Prompt and energetic action is required to save this regiment, and cliques must be broken up."

Co. I is classed as the cleanest and best appearing company in the regiment, "and there is every indication," says the Inspector-General, "of pride and the best practical evidence of what the 69th could be if all the captains evinced the same pride in their companies."

Co. F is reported to be in a very unsatisfactory condition. State property not properly cared for and mostly in poor condition, men appeared slovenly and dirty, and equipments loosely worn. Captain should resign.

Co. H is described as a large company of well-made men, who lack proper guidance. A glance at the report on the condition of property and the wearing of the equipments tells the story. The company is inefficient, and a change of administration would be a healthy thing.

Co. G is described as a very fair appearing company, short of very little property, and that worn and inspected found generally to be in serviceable condition. The general condition of the company appears to be fair.

Co. C has paraded for several years past in a neat, soldierly manner. This year the change is vast—uniforms not properly cared for, brasses dirty, shops dirty, and appearance very unmilitary. The company is without a captain, and shows very little capacity to command.

Co. D, with the exception of some eight or ten slovenly men, looked very well. The captain has evidently worked in the right direction.

Co. B's uniforms and State property are not well cared for. Discipline poor; military appearance not good; 34 absentees which is more than in any other company in the National Guard. The affairs of the company must be looked to at once.

Co. A is described as a very untidy-looking company, which requires thorough overhauling. The men should be instructed how to care for a State property.

Co. E was very unmilitary in dress and equipment, and slovenly. Some men wore their belt plates upside down at the inspection. Clothing generally poorly cared for, and the shortage is such as to demand immediate inquiry. "I think the condition of this company would be improved by the resignation of the Captain," says the Inspector-General.

Co. K's general appearance was very good. The men were steady at attention and soldierly looking. "There seems to be here manifestation of ability on the part of the Captain, which is refreshing to see."

The Captains who are advised to resign for the good of their companies are Capt. Hugh Coleman, of Co. E, and Capt. Thomas Mortimer, of Co. F.

The difficulty with the Sixty-ninth has been that it was a survival from the vicious period before our civil war when we had not only Irish but German, Italians and French regiments. All experience shows that there is no better material for the soldier than the Irishman, but it would be hard, at the same time, to find a more troublesome body than an Irish regiment when there is no fighting on hand. There is an old couplet which says:

"Man hates to kiss so much  
He scarce would kiss a brother,  
But women love to kiss so much  
They hug and kiss each other."

And so the Irishmen are so full of fight that when they have no other fighting to do they fight one another. This, at least, has been the experience with the 69th. Our first experience in camp during the civil war was with Meagher's Irish brigade and a bigger hearted, braver and better lot of fellows never drank from the same canteen with us. We can never forget Thomas Francis Meagher and Jim McMahon, and a host of other men who fill a soldier's grave, and whose friendships are among the romances of youth; but we must speak the truth and shame the devil, though nothing is further from us than anything but good will to the 69th.

The fearless, incisive criticisms of Inspector-General McGrath show plainly the condition of the regiment in general and the need of vigorous measures in dealing with it. Gen. McGrath says:

## COMING EVENTS.

Dec. 9.—Athletic games, 7th N. Y., at armory.

Dec. 11.—Stag of Co. D, 23d N. Y., at armory.

Dec. 12.—Annual winter games, 15th N. Y., at armory.

Dec. 12.—Ball, non-commissioned officers, Co. A, 71st N. Y., at Lyric Hall.

Dec. 16.—Review of 23d N. Y., at armory.

Dec. 27.—Review and parade 2d Battalion, 13th N. Y., at armory.

Jan. 6.—Ball of Co. G, 14th N. Y.

Jan. 10.—Annual ball of 1st Battery, N. Y.

Feb. 1.—Minstrel entertainment and ball of Co. G, 23d N. Y., at Central Opera House, 67th street and 3d avenue.



(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

## RUMPUS IN THE 74TH NEW YORK.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1898.

There is a rumpus in the 74th Regiment. Since the enforced retirement of Col. Bloomer, the resignation of Col. Johnson, and the election to the head of the regiment of the best commander it ever has had—Col. Geo. C. Fox—the regiment has prospered wonderfully. Incompetent officers have been weeded out, and an eighth company added. Buffaloonians can recall many times that the rumor spread of the probable disbandment of the regiment or reduction to a battalion, or consolidation with the 65th because, having but seven companies, it was shy one, as the code made no provisions for a regiment of less than eight companies. But none of these predicted results followed. The eighth company came in and all went well.

Geo. M. Rose, who didn't get the captaincy he wanted in Co. D, brings up the question of the legality of Col. Fox's commission, because at the time of his election the regiment did not have eight companies. Rose was a subaltern in his company (D), and aspired to be captain. But the men chose instead D. Paul Hurbes, an outsider. Thereupon Rose from 2d lieutenant of Co. D became 1st sergeant. He appealed to the authorities at Albany to remove Col. Fox from command. But the Adjutant General, in doing nothing to reduce to a battalion or consolidate the regiment in years gone by for lack of the requisite number of companies, created a precedent for refusing to comply with Rose's request. Moreover Col. Johnson was commissioned when the regiment had no more companies than it had at the time of Col. Fox's election. Then too, the language of the code is discretionary: "Whenever any regiment shall fall below the number of eight companies it may be reorganized as a battalion." Companies are often found with a quota of men below the minimum, but disbandment or consolidation does not always—in fact rarely—follows. But Rose thinks he has a case against the colonel and is confident of success.

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## Seventh New York.—Colonel Appleton.

Co. G won the competition in the team of five match shot at the armory on last Saturday night, on a total of 324 points, and at the 500 yard range broke the armory record by making the splendid score of 173 out of 175 points. The score of the winning team was as follows:

	200 Yds.	300 Yds.	Total.
Corpl. J. M. Moe	33	35	68
Pvt. W. Reid, Jr.	30	35	65
Pvt. W. M. Stillwell	31	34	65
Lieut. R. B. Dunn	29	34	63
Corpl. J. B. Brown	29	34	63
	152	173	324

The following qualified as sharpshooters the same evening: Corpl. J. M. Moe, 63; Corpl. J. B. Brown, 67; Corpl. S. Frothingham, 66; Capt. W. H. Palmer, 65; Pvt. W. Reid, 63; Pvt. A. H. Jackson, —. The athletic games take place at the armory to-night (Dec. 9), and the competition will be very spirited.

## Forty-seventh New York.—Colonel Eddy.

The 47th Regiment, Col. Eddy, assembled for review by Brig. Gen. James McLeer, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 29. The assembly was sounded at 8.15 o'clock, and the regiment was divided into two battalions of five companies each of sixteen files front. Major Eddy commanded the first battalion with Adj. E. J. Olden, and Capt. Quick, who is shortly to be elected major, commanded the second battalion, with Adj. W. G. Elliott.

The formation was reasonably prompt, and the regiment was turned over in good shape. The review was well executed, with the exception of the passage, which was spoiled by the limited space afforded by the armory. After they had passed the reviewing officer, several of the companies became jammed, and caused two companies to mark time in front of the reviewing officer. The companies, other than this, passed in fair style. We believe the regiment has asked for additional room, and it should certainly receive it.

The review was followed by a regimental drill, the companies executing "On right into line of masses," "Right front into line of masses," and the forming of street column and square. These movements were also performed in a very creditable manner, the errors being minor.

Regimental parade in lines succeeded the drill, after which the Veteran's Trophy was presented to Co. D, Capt. Peobie, for having qualified the best percentage of marksmen at Creedmoor during the season of 1898. Co. D qualified 83 men out of 95, or 87 per cent.

Dancing was then indulged in until well into the Thanksgiving holiday. With its customary hospitality, the regiment entertained the military guests with a sumptuous repast. The entertainment of the guests was in charge of Lt. Col. Hubbell and Capt. Hart, Co. K, and these gentlemen did their duty well. Guard duty was performed very creditably by the Cadet Corps of the regiment.

## NINTH REGIMENT ARMORY.

It seems too bad that, after all the delay that has taken place in procuring a proper armory for this regiment, there should be any difficulty now in finishing the preliminaries and going on with the work, but it seems that the Armory Board has gotten into a deadlock and the delay continues.

Gen. Fitzgerald is anxious that the regiment should speedily secure an armory, and he is ready to do anything he can at all times within the bounds of reason to help along matters. Although he was unable to be present at the last meeting of the Armory Board, owing to a previous and im-

perative engagement, he signed the report of the committee on plans recommending the advertising for plans, and there was nothing to prevent the boards going on with the business had they so desired. Gen. Fitzgerald the board should remember is a very busy man. The Mayor and his secretary receive a salary for attending to public business, but Gen. Fitzgerald gives his time to it without charge. His request that he should be accommodated on the matter of the hour of meeting at the City Hall was therefore a reasonable one. For the sake of the regiment, however, he is perfectly willing to meet at any hour regardless of convenience or inconvenience to himself, and it is now hoped the Mayor and secretary will find no further bar to progress.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

## ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5, 1898.

FROM the blackened ruins on Michigan avenue there will arise, during the next few months, a new and palatial home for the 1st Illinois Infantry. Work will begin on the new armory in a few days and it is expected to have it nearly completed by April 24 next, the first anniversary of the fire, at which time the regiment will take formal possession again and celebrate the event by a grand reception and ball. The exterior of the new armory will be exactly like the one burned last spring. The solid, unbroken walls of brown granite will rise up nearly 50 feet without a break save the great arch over the main entrance, which is closed by a massive door of oak and steel, and two minor exits, to be used in cases of emergency only. The interior will be practically the same. There will be a few small improvements made, and some rooms that were never completed before will be finished in the new building. Rebuilding the armory will cost the regiment \$125,000, of which amount they now have \$37,000. The amount necessary to rebuild does not include what can be saved by using the basement, foundation and salvage of the old building. This represents nearly \$50,000. The business men of the city will be called upon to meet the \$40,000 deficiency.

## THE VOSBURG VETERANS.

THE association known as the Vosburg Veterans, composed of members of the 71st N. Y., who served under Col. A. S. Vosburg, have secured permanent quarters at 63 3d Avenue. Ex-Serjt. Maj. Liebenau has been elected Acting President, and Ex-Corpl. Sentis, Acting Secretary. Mr. Liebenau, on accepting the position of President, stated that he wished it to be distinctly understood that the Vosburg Veterans are not in any way to conflict with any of the veteran organizations of the 71st Regiment, but to the contrary, to assist in every way, the regimental and company veteran organizations that are connected with the 71st Regiment. By so doing it is hoped to get together all the old comrades, who were in the 71st. Any information regarding the object of the Vosburg Veterans may be obtained from Charles E. Pearsall, 19 Fulton St., G. W. Beckwith, 200 Fourth Ave., S. L. Sentis, 714 East 133d St., New York City, or David Harned, 574 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn.

## NEW JERSEY.

THE annual inspection of Co. D, 3d Regiment, of New Brunswick, Capt. Kay, took place Nov. 22. Col. D. C. Murphy, of Camden, was the inspector, assisted by Mayor J. C. Shaler, Col. W. S. Rider, of Newark, and Lieut. Col. B. P. Holmes, of Elizabeth. Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Plume, commander of the New Jersey division, was present. The 3d Regiment Drum Corps furnished appropriate music. Co. D numbers sixty-two members all of whom were present. This is the fourth consecutive year that the entire membership has been present. Corpl. R. Wolfe, who is a member of the company and has a position in Virginia came to New Brunswick purposely to take part in the inspection. The company presented a very soldierly appearance, and the result was most satisfactory to Col. Murphy, Capt. Kay, and all the officers and men. The decision of the inspecting officers was 100 per cent., the highest grade of excellence attainable. At the conclusion of the inspection, Maj. Gen. Plume delivered a few remarks to the company, in which he said he thought the company should be proud of its record, as this was the fourth consecutive time that all members were present for inspection. This fact, he said, was evidence of the pleasant relations between the captain and his men. He had no unfavorable criticism to make, as the soldierly appearance of the organization and the individual members was grand. He concluded by saying he was proud to see such a company. The officers then went to supper, and the members and lady friends indulged in a dance.

## VARIOUS.

Ex-Lieut. W. T. Taylor, of Co. I, 13th N. Y., has been elected 1st lieutenant of Co. E, in that command.

Co. F, 14th N. Y., are preparing for a grand ball early in January. Co. G, of the same regiment, will give a grand ball in Saengerbund Hall on the evening of Jan. 6.

Capt. Waldo Sprague, of Co. I, 71st N. Y., has been elected junior vice-commander of Lafayette Post, G. A. R. Capt. Sprague is known as an energetic worker, and a gentleman of marked executive ability.

In the 1st Brigade, N. Y., Surgeons D. M. Stinson, 7th Regiment, E. T. T. Marsh, 71st Regiment, and B. S. Beach, 22d Regiment, have been appointed a board of examination in connection with the new hospital corps.

Col. Wm. Seward, Jr., is now senior colonel in the 1st Brigade, and is consequently a member of the Armory Board. This should help the armory outlook for the regiment.

Capt. J. R. Blake, Co. K, 12th N. Y., will take part in the production of "Ivanhoe Up to Date," to be produced in the Broadway Theatre, Dec. 18. Lieut. Blake is co-author with Mr. Benj. Ayman in the Burlesque.

Col. C. L. Burdett, 1st Regt., Connecticut National Guard, has accepted the invitation to review the 3d Battalion of the 13th N. Y., at the armory on Wednesday evening Dec. 27. This battalion is commanded by Major C. H. Luscomb, and is composed of Cos. A, B, F, G, and K.

Improvements in the armory gallery of the 23d N. Y. are now being made, and when completed the regiment will be in possession of one of the best equipped indoor ranges in the city. The athletic games netted a handsome sum, and Company E, Capt. Thurston, won the greatest number of points.

The 2d Battalion of the 23d N. Y., in command of Major De Forest, will be reviewed at the armory by Col. L. L. Langdon, 1st Art., U. S. A., on Saturday evening, Dec. 18. Lieut. F. H. Wallis, of Co. B, will probably be elected captain, vice Candee, resigned. Co. H will hold its annual dinner Dec. 16.

Capt. Clinton H. Smith, Co. B, 71st N. Y., was elected junior major of the regiment Dec. 6. Capt. Smith has a most excellent reputation, and his company (B) is the best in the regiment, and for that matter ranks as one of the best in the National Guard of the State. Capt. Smith was elected on the first ballot, receiving 14 votes. Capt. Tilden received nine votes and there were four blanks.

Orders were issued Dec. 7 from general headquarters at Albany, N. Y., disbanding the 35th Separate Co. of Ordnance, Capt. Holland; the 45th of Cortland, Capt. Dickinson. The 35th was disbanded on the recommendation of Brig. Gen. Oliver and on the report of the Inspector General, and the 45th on the report of the Inspector General and the concurrence of Brig. Gen. Doyle.

The Executive Committee of the National Guard Association of New York will hold a special meeting at the Astor House on Saturday, Dec. 9, when the time and place of the next convention will be decided upon. Col. Fox, 74th Regt., the acting president, recognizing the abilities of one officer of the 66th has appointed M. J. Edward Duffy a member of this committee. Col. Fox has also continued in office Maj. C. H. Luscomb, 12th Regt.

Adj. Gen. Samuel Dalton, of Massachusetts, announces that the following commissioned officers of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia having rendered continuous service for a period of ten years and upwards are, on their own application, retired: Lieut. Col. Frederick W. Merriam, 31 Inf., Oct. 8, with the rank of colonel, and 1st Lieut. John D. Warner, paymaster, 8th Inf., Nov. 9, with the rank of captain.

The rifle range of the Newport, R. I., Artillery, which was opened Nov. 30, has undergone considerable improvement, and it is now considered the best equipped indoor range in the State. The length of the range is 75 feet. The electric lighting has been so increased and improved in application that the light is perfect. Sliding targets have been set up, and at the target end is an electric keyboard, connecting with an indicator at the firing end to register the result of the shots.

General T. H. McGrath, Inspector-General, of New York, in returning the Muster Rolls of Troop A, Capt. C. F. Roe, has this to say in the endorsement thereon: "Inspected dismounted. The very neat soldierly appearance of the troop was in accord with the reputation achieved by it. Uniforms, arms, and equipments in very good, serviceable condition. The horse equipments are cared for and kept in a condition which reflects credit on the armorer. The troop is provided with a complete outfit of meat cans and cooking and mess utensils, and everything is in position to move immediately if required. Everything in connection with the organization indicates the guidance of a soldier. All officers, non-commissioned officers, and troopers are to be commended for the results."

In future competitions for the Butt Trophy, in the 12th Regiment, marksmen will count as 100 per cent., sharpshooters as 200 per cent., sharpshooters entitled to shoot in expert class 300 per cent., and experts 500 per cent. In case two companies have the same per cent., the larger company is to take the trophy. The annual dinner of the Board of Officers was held at Delmonico's on Dec. 7, and proved a very pleasant affair. On Jan. 25, it has been decided to hold a review and reception at the armory, and Mayor Gilroy has accepted the invitation to review. A large number of entries have been received for the athletic games to be held at the armory on Dec. 12, and while all the events will be interesting, the bicycle and obstacle race will be especially so. The games will be the largest of the season.

Major Henry Chauncey, Jr., 8th N. Y., has presented a handsome silver cup for competition among the companies of the regiment at the armory rifle range. The match is open to teams of three men each and the company winning it three times will be the final owner. The rifle match between the teams from Cos. F and B was won by the former on a score of 400 points. Lieut. O'Connor, of F, president of the rifle club, presented two medals for competition in rifle shooting at the armory. Major Chauncey, who was grand marshal of the parade in New York City on Evacuation Day, has received many congratulations from military men for the promptness in starting the parade, the general arrangements and the ease with which the entire detail were managed.

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In Co. K. 7th N. Y., the following elections took place Dec. 6: First Sergeant, A. E. White, to be 2d lieutenant; Sergt. J. J. White, Jr., to be 1st sergeant; Corp. C. P. Kirkland, to be sergeant; Lance Corporal, A. H. Abeel, to be corporal; Pvt. G. B. Wintthrop, to be lance corporal.

The official order from the Adjutant General's Office of re-tiring Gen. Cavanaugh stated that he entered the military service of the State in the fall of 1853, served the country with great credit during the War of the Rebellion, has been colonel of the 69th Regt. since Nov. 29, 1867, and for his gallant and meritorious services received the brevet of brigadier general Nov. 29, 1892. On Dec. 5, when Lieut.-Col. Moran took command, he ordered that a sentry be placed at the main entrance and that any suspicious-looking persons be refused admittance. This was a good step, as it is a fact that there has been a little too much latitude allowed to a number of hangers-on around the armory of an evening, who, if they can not be classed as "bums," looked very much like this class of citizens.

#### Naval Militia.

**Massachusetts.**—It is pleasing to note the progress made by the Naval Militia during the past year as evidenced by the report of the Secretary of the Navy showing 2,376 men in this branch of the service. The idea of the Secretary to have a vessel detailed to exercise the Naval Militia and specially fitted with that end in view, meets with general approval here. This year's experience taught that more care in the preparation of food served and a greater variety is necessary to make the average Naval Militiaman contented to perform the amount of work required of him. Provision should be made to carry more line officers with the men or a vessel should take all the junior officers and exercise with them as did the U. S. S. *Yorktown* in 1891.

The 3d Division, Lt. Paul, died at the United States Hotel, on Thursday, Dec. 7, and spent a very enjoyable evening. Breastworks of wood were constructed last week in large drill hall in connection with the heavy artillery drill of the 1st Infantry. Everything is in sections and portable so that the position may be changed or it can be entirely removed at will.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

#### FORT WINGATE, N. M.

NOVEMBER 30, 1893.

LITTLE worthy of note has occurred here to break the monotony of garrison life since the races, until Thursday evening of this week, when the young folks had a "candy pull." Of this more anon. Our regular "ladies evening" at the officers' club once with the weekly concert and hop on Friday evenings, and frequent informal card parties, have helped us to pass the time quite pleasantly; but we are a little impatient for the arrival of Thanksgiving eve, when the season is to open with a "Bachelors' Hop." There are ten eligible bachelors here and five young ladies, and we venture to predict that Cupid and Mars will have several encounters before spring, if not some actual engagements (five into ten goes twice—that makes two for each of the ladies); then some of the bachelors may have to say that they have Benedicted to that style of life long enough.

But let us return to the candy pulling: It was quite a success in spite of certain natural obstacles. We are located at the north base of the Zuni mountains, at an altitude of 7,000 feet. On account of the altitude, any effort to cook anything by boiling is attended with some difficulty, as the water boils much below the 212 deg. of heat. The consequence is that the water boils away before anything in it is cooked, and we have to add more water, which also boils away, rendering still more water necessary. As most of the supply is cut off at tattoo, the small amount available was nearly exhausted before our candy was cooked. Before there is another affair of this kind here, we intend to have the post lowered to the sea level, or the sea raised to our altitude. We cannot have our amusements hampered by such a trifling as a difference in altitude.

But we have wandered from our subject. The candy was finally cooked, and then the fun began. We young ladies were becomingly dressed for the occasion, but our escorts had to have their uniforms protected, so they were duly equipped with long aprons. As the gentlemen knew nothing about these feminine garments, we had to put them on and secure them properly; of course, the gentlemen succeeded in prolonging the agony indefinitely. Finally, we were all ready, but by this time the candy was too hard to pull easily, though still hot enough to burn, so that there were the usual number of blisters on our hands. We could expatiate upon the acidity of the candy compared with our own sweet selves, or indulge in the worn-out jokes about "linked sweetness long drawn out," but we will spare our friends, with a single reference to the young man, who not being satisfied with an apron, had to have a bib, which, with

its frills and ruffles, made him look just too sweet for any thing.

Before the next candy pulling we will send the editor an invitation to it, if he will promise not to say anything about candidates for such honors.

After the pulling we had games, etc., the most entertaining being the ghost stories, with the lights turned down, to add to the weird effect; the game of "consequences" was interesting, but the consequences of the ghost stories were not so interesting to some of us. As we all helped to cook the candy, when the forfeits were paid, no one was sentenced "to kiss the cook," although some of them evidently expected that sentence. It was a case of "Barkis is willing."

Last evening after the concert we had our usual six dances, the last of which was a very hilarious Lancers; one of the gentlemen, just in from a scout, was evidently crowded for time, as he forgot to remove his riding boots, but this only helped to emphasize some of the fancy steps for which he is noted.

After the dance about a dozen of us were invited to an informal lunch at Lieut. Trout's quarters, where Mrs. Trout and her visitor, Miss Sibley, helped us to recuperate our exhausted energies with a nice lunch, after which we had a recitation by Miss Wallace, ("True to Brother Spear,") which was well rendered, and rewarded by ample applause. Miss Merryman sang several selections, "A German Xmas" being especially appreciated. Lieut. Wallace sang several of his favorite songs, and Lieut. Trout convulsed his audience by a "Noah's Ark" song, as sung by a first class stut-ter. Last, but not least, Miss Sibley gave us a skirt dance, which was heartily enjoyed, although there was no music to assist her.

During the winter this post is noted for its high winds, and on this account many of us think it should be called Windgate. We get all the wind old Boreas can spare. As a tribute to his abilities, we quote the following from our poet laureat:

'Tis Satan sends the wicked gust;  
That blows our skirts knee high;  
But Heaven is just, and sends the dust  
To blind the bad man's eye.

The winter festivities was opened here last evening by the hop given by the bachelors. The reception began at 8:45 and the dancing at 9:15. Col. Noyes and Mrs. Sibley, with Capt. Shillock and Miss Hunt, received. By the enclosed programme you will see that we had dances enough to last well into "the wee sma' hours ayt the twal," counting in the hour for supper. In fact it was two o'clock before the lights were out.

For fear that some horrid man will attempt to describe how the ladies were dressed and make another batch of it as was made in describing the costumes for the races, I will tell you just what they were.

Mrs. Carleton wore black India silk with blue figures. Mrs. Harrison, empire gown with white figures; Miss Wallace, French mulle trimmed with Valenciennes lace, with pink and blue ribbons; Mrs. Sibley, white Chantilly lace over yellow satin; Mrs. Robinson, black velvet bodice with black surah skirt; Miss Merryman, lemon crepe with crystal passementerie; Mrs. Brett, black net over a lavender gown; Miss Hunt, pink silk gauze over pink silk, with pearl trimmings; Mrs. Lewis, black Chantilly lace over yellow satin; Mrs. Drum, gray with olive trimmings; Mrs. Trout, pink silk with gauze; Miss Sibley, blue silk with old rose trimmings.

Sarah Jane (your correspondent) wore—well, she is too modest to describe her own costume properly, so she will simply say that she wore a first-class assortment of clothes.

As you will see by the programme, the parties who engraved the plate for it put a "t" in the word "bachelors." The only way they could fix it was by making a "Regent's Punch" and putting the superfluous "t" in it. Like all such punch that has champagne in it was very nice, but the ladies were afraid of it, as the only bachelor present told us that it would put a gold watch in every pocket. I sipped enough to get one watch, which was all I wished. The ball was beautifully decorated, the music was fine, the supper was excellent, the punch was a liquid poem, and the hop, as a whole, was a grand success. In fact it was the best one the bachelors of this post have ever given. Before leaving the ladies gave their hosts three rousing cheers.

There was a general attendance, only those being absent who were indisposed. Mrs. Matthews, the only lady absent, was very much missed.

Of course there was a belle for this ball as for all others. Where all the ladies looked so charming it was difficult to select the belle; but a very critical bachelor told me that the choice was between Miss — and SARAH JANE.

ITALY is passing through a "crisis" owing to Signor Zanardelli, President of the Chamber of Deputies, imposing condition of his acceptance of the Premiership that the military budget be reduced 20,000,000 lire and the naval budget 10,000,000 lire.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

#### FORT MONROE, VA.

DECEMBER 5, 1893.

COL. AND MRS. WM. B. LAW, U. S. Army, retired, who have spent a number of winters at Old Point, are back again in their old quarters at the Hygeia Hotel. They have spent the summer with their daughters, Mrs. Garrard, wife of Capt. Joseph Garrard, and Mrs. Guilfoyle, wife of Capt. Guilfoyle, at Ft. Robinson, Neb., but it is too cold for them to put the winter in at that place.

Col. John Hamilton, U. S. Army, retired, is still stopping with his son-in-law, Lieut. J. W. Ruckman, 1st Art. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hardy, of Louisville, Ky., who have been spending a week with their uncle, Lieut. Edw. Davis, post adjutant, processed North last Wednesday on their bridal trip.

Capt. W. A. Kobbe, 3d Art.; Lieuts. Kenly, Jr., 4th; Haine, 3d; Irwin, 3d; Gallup, 5th, and Hearn, 2d Art., returned from short leaves on Dec. 4.

Work has commenced in earnest on the new Administration building at the post, and, if the weather permits, the building ought to be under roof in a short time.

The repairs to the quarters occupied by Lieut. Irwin, 3d Art., which were damaged by the recent fire at the post, are being put in repairs.

Pvt. Wm. H. Sanders, formerly sergeant in Battery G, 5th Artillery, but now in the Ordnance Department, Columbia Arsenal, paid the post and his old friends a short visit yesterday. He is on the usual three months' furlough at the end of the third year of enlistment.

The examination in the Department of Steam and Mechanism having been completed, the student officers, on the morning of Dec. 4, entered upon the courses of Chemistry and Explosives, and Electricity and Mines. These interesting studies will occupy all the time from now until spring.

The batteries at the post are busily engaged in the regular annual gallery practice (the value of which is hard to appreciate for artillery soldiers), and in the preparation for gunnery competition to be held later. The post school for enlisted men has increased materially in size during the last month. But 12 recruits are now needed to fill all the batteries of this garrison to their authorized strength—a good showing for a post with eight batteries.

Musician George A. J. Rhodes, Bat. M, 3d Art., one of the most faithful of soldiers, was discharged from the Service on Nov. 30 last. We are not to lose him, however, as he has re-enlisted for another term. Rhodes has been on duty so long at the post that his services have become almost indispensable. There is no news of Sergt. Hastings, of the band, who has been missing since Nov. 23. A sharp lookout is kept, with the hope that his body may be found and his family relieved from the terrible suspense caused by his absence.

Mr. John Conney has been given the vacancy caused by the death of Capt. John Young, as quartermaster's storekeeper. MEX.

#### Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

The total membership of the Loyal Legion Oct. 31, 1893, was 8,321. Pennsylvania leads with 1,133. New York coming second with 1,109. Pennsylvania has 1,013 members of the 1st Class and New York 1,044.

The New York Commandery held a well attended regular meeting on the evening of Dec. 4, at which it elected George Wilson, late Acting Assistant Paymaster, U. S. N.; Elias Lester, Medical Cadet, U. S. A.; Const. N. C. Bryant, U. S. N., retired, and others. After the banquet an interesting paper on "The Retreat from the Jeannette" was read by Hon. in-Chief George W. Melville, U. S. N., of the Pennsylvania Commandery. Medical Director Henry M. Wells, U. S. N., has been received into the New York Commandery by transfer from the District of Columbia Commandery. Col. L. L. Langdon, 1st U. S. Art., and Medical Director A. L. Gibson, U. S. N., have been transferred to the District of Columbia Commandery. The Annual Return of Funds for the year ending April 30, 1893, was \$14,102.94, being a net loss for the year of \$362.38, accounted for by the fact that \$1,000 were appropriated to the Grant Monument Fund and \$351.41 to the Columbian celebration.

At the stated meeting of the District of Columbia Commandery, held on Dec. 6, an interesting paper was read by Companion J. W. Salvey, on "The U. S. A. Mississippi at the Capture of New Orleans." Applications of eleven new members were acted upon favorably.

At a meeting of the Colorado Commandery, held at the Commercial Club, Denver, Dec. 5, Capt. Wm. Wallace Robinson, Jr., Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. A., on duty at Gen. McCook's headquarters, was a candidate for membership.

The new Russian ironclad *Three Saints* and a torpedo cruiser were launched on Sunday, Nov. 12, at Nicolaieff, for the Black Sea Fleet.

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## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

O.—There is no fixed hour for tattoo, but at the majority of posts it is 9 P. M.

S. G. asks: Will you please state through your paper where a person can get information regarding Cape Colony, South Africa? Ans.—From any good encyclopedia.

A. R. L.—What is the rank and date of commission of Stephen F. C. Smith, Engineers Corps, U. S. A.? Ans.—There is no officer of this name in the Army, and never has been.

Inquirer.—The title and address of the Chilean official assisting to the U. S. Secretary of the Navy is Al Senor Ministro en el Departamento de Guerra y Marina, Santiago, Chile.

R.—You are entitled to a copy of the proceedings of the court—see 114th Article of War and par. 937, Army Regulations. Submit a request for such copy in writing to the post commander.

Bandsman.—Par 238, Army Regulations, says: "Band musicians will be dropped from company muster-roll, but will be instructed as soldiers and are liable to serve in the ranks on any occasion."

Recorder.—The "individual reports" you mention were rendered in May, 1891, under G. O. 41, A. G. O., of 1890. We do not consider that they are to be rendered annually, unless specially called for.

Red Cross says: "I claim a hospital steward, appointed to date June 20, 1890, ranks all Ordnance, Post Q. M., and Commissary Sergeants, appointed since that date. Am I correct?" Ans.—Yes. See par. 8, Army Regulations. (G. O. 82, A. G. O., 1891.)

F. R. H.—Brig.-Gen. Elwell S. Otis, U. S. A., recently appointed, will reach the retiring age March 25, 1902, and Maj. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Aug. 8, 1903, so that the former's chances for commanding the Army are remote. It is useless to make slates now, only that they may be broken hereafter.

C. H. J.—If you are drawing a pension for service under an assumed name, there would be some difficulty attending a change to the right name. Why not continue to draw your pension on the name you served under? Many a good man has enlisted under an assumed name for personal reasons.

G. S. D. asks: Will you kindly inform me as to where I can obtain a volume, if any exist, giving lists of the warships of the different navies of the world, name, armament, capacity, and speed? Ans.—"Particulars of the Warships of the World" is published annually by Lloyd's Register, 2 White Lion Court, Cornhill, London—price, 5s.

W. S.—The Rules for Examination for Civil Service say: "No person serving in the Army or Navy shall be examined until the written consent of the head of the Department, under which he is enlisted shall have been communicated to the commission." Will you kindly tell me whether the party desiring examination, or the commission at Washington, obtains that consent? Ans.—You will have to apply to the War Department through the usual military channels.

W. R.—How and from where are the officers of the U. S. Revenue Cutters recruited, and is there a pamphlet of regulations as of the Naval Academy? Ans.—Under recent regulations they are appointed cadets, and then undergo a two years' course of instruction on Revenue Cutter chase at New Bedford, after which they are appointed 3d lieutenants. Circulars governing qualifications for admission can be had from the Treasury Department.

W. B. E. asks what Drill Regulations are used by the sailors aboard ship or upon shore duty (U. S.) and if we can furnish the same. Ans.—The enlisted men of the Navy are drilled according to a special code prepared for that purpose, and known as "Instructions for Infantry and Artillery, U. S. Navy." It was prepared by the Navy Department in 1891. A new book, which will embrace many modifications of the present system, is now in course of preparation. The present instructions, or when completed, the new book, may possibly be purchased from the U. S. Naval Institute, Annapolis, Md.

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With tattered limbs and bosom bare,  
He stood in the crisp autumn air  
Beneath the apple-bough;  
While 'round with taunt and ribald jest,  
The British red-coats, alarining, pressed,  
But Heaven's bright sunshine crowned and kissed  
His calm, untroubled brow.

With patriot spirit kindling high,  
And proud defiance in his eye,  
To jibe and jeer he makes reply—  
(Such words forever live)  
"My sole regret as here I stand,  
And wait the hangman's shameful hand,  
Is that for my dear native land  
I've but one life to give."

The deed is done; his soul hath flown:  
And lo! o'er Freedom's mountain-throne  
Another star in lustre shone  
Adown the grooves of time;  
To cheer for aye the brave of heart,  
Who spurn Oppression's cruel snare,  
And rise and rend their chains apart,  
In every race and clime.

And, O Columbia! mother mine—  
Long may thy shield be Freedom's sign,  
Long may thy navies sweep the brine,  
Thine armies, bill and vane;  
And when the war-drums loudly peal  
Nor doubt nor danger can'st thou feel,  
Bulwarked around by hearts of steel  
Like that of Nathan Hale.

—WILL STOKES.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

## FORT RILEY, KAS.

DEC. 4, 1893.

The ball given by the Gen. Geo. B. McClellan Garrison, No. 16, Reg. A. and F. Union, last Thursday evening at the mess hall was a very pleasant affair, and will be long remembered by those who were fortunate enough to take part. A prize for the most popular lady in the hall was voted to Miss Birdie Lebane, daughter of Commissary Sergt. James Lebane.

A very pleasant german took place at the officers' hop room last Friday evening. A Young People's Christian and Temperance Association has been organized at this post with Lt. Catlin, 2d Art., as president.

After a hard struggle the Keeley cure has taken hold of the 3d Cav., with Pvt. Frank Fairfoss, Troop G, in the start. More are expected to follow, and by all accounts the Keeley branch at Leavenworth is well patronized by members from this garrison.

The first snow of the season fell last Saturday and in a short time ground and buildings were covered with a beautiful white garment; several sleighs were seen to arrive from Junction City yesterday.

COL. SMITH, Governor of the Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth, visited Riley last Wednesday and was introduced by Gen. Forsyth to the officers and enlisted men in the mess hall during the dinner hour. Col. Smith responded to the introduction and spoke to the boys in a true and touching manner regarding the advantages of the Keeley cure. Capt. John G. Bourke, 3d Cavalry, having been relieved from special duty at the World's Fair, has rejoined his troop.

Troop F, 3d Cavalry, has returned from Pena Creek, O. T. The school of the non-commissioned officers of the 3d Cavalry will again be conducted by Capt. Dodd, while in his absence Lieut. Dickman performed that duty.

The Temperance Society has been reorganized and new officers elected.

1st Sergt. Robinson, Troop F, 3d Cav., has been retired after an honorable service of over 30 years. Sergt. Johnson has been appointed 1st sergeant in Robinson's place.

Sergt. A. J. Rosenberry, Troop G, 3d Cav., sprained his right foot badly while falling with his horse during last Friday's exercises. He was admitted to the post hospital.

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## ADMIRAL MELLO'S PLANS.

The following appeared in the New York Herald of Dec. 4:

ON BOARD THE AQUIDABAN.

HARBOR RIO JANEIRO, Oct. 20, 1893.

To the Editor of the Herald:

I am invited by the New York Herald to define exactly the purpose of the revolutionist movement. I assure you our sole and unchangeable intention, as already stated in my last manifesto, is to establish a republican constitutional government, which was destroyed by Peivoto; to promote national peace in all the States of Brazil; and to substitute civil government for militarism and the awful political system developed by an actual dictator who prepares for our country in this way the tremendous misfortunes common to Spanish commonwealths. All reports about monarchical plans as to the navy revolution are absolutely false. CUSTODIO JOSE DE MELLO.

Mello was at last accounts off Rio, having returned there from a cruise, having escaped from the harbor of Rio Janeiro. The Aquidaban was said to have been piloted out of the harbor by a government deserter, who knew the location of the torpedoes.

(From the Washington Post.)

## WORSE THAN OLIVES.

To those who know the almost gruff and solemn manner of Senator Proctor of Vermont, veneration, however, heaps of quiet fun and a seven and seven-eighths heart as tender as a two-shilling shirt, the following little squib will seem natural enough: Presiding at a banquet, he called on Senator Wm. E. Chandler for a few remarks, who at once prefaced them by his surprise that Senator Proctor should have so kindly noticed him, for, said he, "A few days ago I overheard a gentleman ask him if he liked Chandler, to which he very carefully answered: "Yes, I like Chandler, but it's an acquired taste."

## OF INTEREST TO TRAVELLERS.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad announce that they have placed on sale round trip tickets at reduced rates to the Winter Resorts in Florida and the South, and also to such points of interest as Luray, Natural Bridge and Gettysburg. This Company has also arranged to place on sale excursion tickets to San Francisco and other points in California on account of the Mid-Winter Fair, at unusually low rates. Excursion tickets are now on sale to Baltimore and Washington via the famous Royal Blue Line.

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## MILITARY AND NAVAL INVENTIONS.

The following list of patents granted December 5, 1893, for inventions relative to the Army and Navy is reported especially for the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL by Glasscock and Company, Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., of whom printed copies can be had for 15 cents each:

Thomas D. Clapham, Ashurst, New Zealand, apparatus for propelling boats.

Adelbert E. Carr, Tower, Minn., combined tent, bed and knapsack.

Wm. H. Nichol, Cathar, Canada, cartridge shell crimper.

Expired Dec. 5.—184,997, E. E. Tasey, propulsion of vessel.

184,955, D. Condon, ventilating skylights for vessels.

185,081, D. Corning, apparatus for cleaning ship bottoms.

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## BIRTHS.

BROWN.—At West Point, N. Y., Dec. 5, to the wife of Lieutenant Austin H. Brown, 4th Infantry, a daughter.

NICHOLSON.—At Fort Riley, Kas., Nov. 27, to the wife of Lieutenant W. J. Nicholson, 7th U. S. Cavalry, a daughter.

TAYLOR.—At Mare Island, Cal., Nov. 28, to the wife of Naval Constructor D. W. Taylor, a daughter.

## MARRIED.

WILLIAMS—HARRIS.—At Wiconisco, Pa., Nov. 22, HORACE G. WILLIAMS to Miss EDITH L. HARRIS, daughter of Chief Engineer Robert L. Harris, U. S. Navy.

## DIED.

DICKEY.—Suddenly, at Beaver Falls, Pa., of apoplexy, Nov. 27, Major CHARLES JOHN DICKEY, U. S. Army, retired.

LENTHILON.—At Newport, R. I., Nov. 22, Mrs. A. LENTHILON, grandmother of the wife of Commander Charles H. Stockton, U. S. Navy, aged 92.

MANLEY.—At Medis, Pa., Nov. 20, Commander HENRY DE HAVEN MANLEY, U. S. Navy.

WOART.—At San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 24, Chaplain JOHN WOART, U. S. Army, retired.

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